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A knifeman threatened baby twins

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A FAMILY has been left living in fear after a violent burglar threatened baby twins with a knife in their own home.

The 30-year-old mother was at home alone with her 10-month-old twins when a man wearing a black balaclava burst in through the front door demanding money.

A friend of the family, who did not want to be named, told MK NEWS: "The mother was pulled by her hair and the man put a knife to both of the children's necks."

The man, who was black, of slim build and around 6ft tall, then took cash and jewellery from the home in Tandra, Beanhill, before running off down Maslin Drive.

The friend added: "They were all very, very upset and are still worried he will return.

"Lots of jewellery was stolen, including necklaces, bangles, rings and earrings that were all gold colour and very sentimental.

"Members of the family have lived here for more than 30 years and nothing like this has ever happened before.

"The man was completely covered from head to toe so it was hard to give a description.

"The police came to see them the same day and the day after and continue to check in on them."

The aggravated burglary took place between 12.30pm and 1.15pm on Tuesday last week.

The jewellery that was stolen included five rings, a gold wedding band and a diamanté engagement ring, a pair of yellow gold earrings in a leaf shape and two bangles with gold leaf patterns.

One neighbour, who wished to remain anonymous, commented: "This was more than just a burglary. The mother was very shaken as her kids were inside when it happened.

"We are trying to support them and have seen that their parents and in-laws keep checking on them."

As well as the balaclava, the attacker was wearing a black woollen beanie-style hat with the rim turned up and the word 'Thinsulate' stitched in white across the front.

He was also wearing black ear muffs or a headband, black or blue baggy jeans, black and white boots and black woollen gloves.

Investigating officer, Det Con Serena Bellis from Milton Keynes Police Station, said: "Although this was a frightening incident for the victim and her children, I would like to reassure residents that officers are doing everything they can to identify the offender and bring them to justice."

Anyone with information is urged to call police on 101.

Let us play: Giles Brook Caterpillars Nursery in Tattenhoe is branching out – turn to Education on page 27

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Groups under threat due to budget cuts

COUNCIL budgets cuts could spell an end to a number of Scout and Girl Guide groups across Milton Keynes.

Milton Keynes Council is proposing to cut its wider use funding, which troops use to fund a venue for their programmes.

The cuts for the 2015/16 budget propose to limit the funding provided, with only groups who operate after 4pm on weekdays now eligible. It will also only award a maximum of £1,000 per group.

If the proposals are given the go-ahead, they could spell the end to a number of Beaver, Cub, Scout, Rainbow, Brownie and Guide groups across the city.

Stuart Ball is a Scout leader for Great Linford St Andrews, which currently receives £4,736 a year from the wider use funding.

He told MK NEWS that the reduction in funding would force sub fees to go up and price out many of the people who benefit the most from going to the groups.

Council leader Pete Marland said: "This is capping it at £1,000 so that we continue to fund those that need it, but be fair to other groups with a shrinking pot of money. If groups come to us and explain their situation we will do all we can to help them become less reliant on council funding."

Down tools: Renovation work on Bradwell Abbey has been abandoned following a funding shortfall

Abbey work is cancelled

BY LEE MITCHELL
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THE chairman of Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre has been left in 'disbelief' after a decision to scrap plans to renovate Bradwell Abbey.

The abbey is the remains of a rare Medieval Benedictine Priory which is of national significance.

A Heritage Lottery Fund offered £1.3million support if Milton Keynes Council could contribute £980,000.

But the funding fell through, leaving the building deteriorating and 'at risk' – which would lead to any eventual repair works being more costly.

Steve Crowther, chairman of the centre, said: "The abandonment of the project is one of great disappointment, bemusement and disbelief that such an opportunity could be allowed to fail.

"The purpose of the bid to Heritage Lottery Fund was to undertake major restoration, repair and improvement to Bradwell Abbey.

"The council did not have all the funds promised. It was offered an extension of three months to find the missing funds.

"The failure of the bid affects two areas. Firstly it means that the entire cost of restoring and maintaining the buildings and site falls to the council, which is a significant hit on public money.

"Secondly, there is a negative impact on the public use and benefit of Bradwell Abbey."

Labour councillor and leader of Milton Keynes Council (MKC), Pete Marland, denies any fault in the failed bid.

He said: "Unfortunately the city discovery centre felt unable to meet the terms of the decision and was unable to reach a compromise with the council.

"We at no point changed our position other than to accommodate the discovery centre in its changed position."

"CDC decided to withdraw the bid, not MKC."

Liberal democrat councillor Rex Exon, who represents the Bradwell ward, feels let down by the council.

He added: "The council owns the property and is responsible for the repairs."

Boy rushed to hospital after street stabbing

A BOY has been taken to Milton Keynes Hospital after being stabbed in Bletchley.

Thames Valley Police were called to a disturbance near the Texaco petrol station and church in Whaddon Way at 3.37pm yesterday.

While police have refused to comment on the nature of the incident, locals were reporting that it was a stabbing and may have involved a Lord Grey School student.

One mother, whose daughter attends Lord Grey School, said her daughter had seen the incident and had given a statement to the police.

She added: "The school is a good school and I have never heard of an incident as serious as this."

A worker at Favourite Chicken & Ribs in Whaddon Way said: "We had heard that it was a Lord Grey student who had been stabbed."

Police cordoned off a large area behind the petrol station, including a number of houses.

A police spokesman said: "A teenage boy has been taken to hospital with non life-threatening injuries. If anyone has information please call 101."

MK NEWS contacted Lord Grey School but had not received a response by the time of going to press last night.

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Prize drive: Serial winner Sandra Bald receives the keys to her new bright pink Citroen from Alan Baker, sales manager at Perry's in Bletchley – another item to add to her impressive haul

Winning ways are prize asset

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A ONE-OF-A-KIND, hand-painted pink Citroen is among the latest of hundreds of mind-boggling prizes a Milton Keynes mum has won.

The pink coupe has built-in Benefit makeup compartments in the arm rest and a handbag holder and was handed over to Sandra Bald by Perry's in Bletchley this week.

Sandra, 50, enters up to 100 competitions a day for a hobby, which she has done for the last 11 years.

Trips to the Beijing Olympics in 2008, India, Las Vegas, Portugal, a Nile cruise, a visit to the Harry Potter Film Studio before it opened to the public, theme park passes and a flatscreen television are among the incredible prizes the Monkston mum has won over the years.

Her top tips for entering competitions are to persevere and not let it get you down if you go through a bit of a bad patch.

The stay-at-home mum is so successful at the hobby that she has now taken to entering competitions for friends and charities that are close to her heart.

Her husband David works shift patterns, so she decided to take up the hobby as a way of doing her bit to provide for the family, which includes ten-year-old daughter Alexandra.

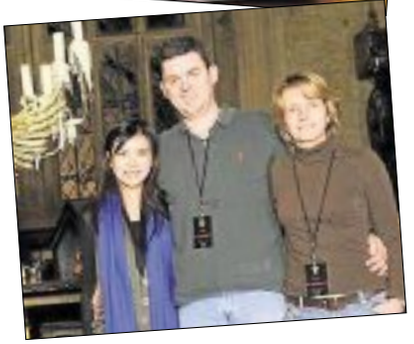
Next on her hit-list of what she wants to win are a new carpet for her living room and a new cooker.

She keeps a file of the things she has won over the years so that when she goes through a bad patch she can remind herself of everything she has bagged since she began her hobby.

"I'm lucky to have won what I have, but you've got to put a lot of effort in," she said.

"I'm quite competitive but the buzz of winning is best when you win for other people."

To watch a video of how Sandra succeeds go to: www.mkweb.co.uk/news



Prize wise: Sandra Bald with some of her booty, *above*. Below, on a trip she won to Egypt, and, *left*, with husband David and Harry Potter star Katie Leung at the Harry Potter Experience

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A lot less attractive

FURTHER to your front page article 'What's Not to Like?' (*MK NEWS, January 21*), like many residents I enjoy numerous aspects of life in Milton Keynes, including the facilities of the shopping centre and Xscape, the cinemas and theatres, green surroundings, outstanding lakes and the wildlife they attract, pleasant walks, country pubs etc, all on our doorstep.

However, if you live on one of the older estates as I do, neglect is evident in the local landscaping and the maintenance (or lack of) footpaths, rendering some of them inaccessible and access roads worn down to hard core in some cases – but apparently not bad enough to repair.

Add to that the desire of the council to sell small to medium green spaces within our estates to developers for future in-fill building (which goes directly against the whole ethos of Milton Keynes in my view), life in Milton Keynes will be decidedly less attractive for some of us.

Look out for a consultation document on this last point, available from February 18!

Sylvia Kent
Crosslands, Stantonbury

MK becoming unequal

MILTON Keynes is indeed a great place to live.

The green environment, redways, lakes, shops, restaurants, theatre and music scene are all positive features of the city.

Sadly, however, since the election of the Coalition Government and its cuts agenda, Milton Keynes has become a city of growing inequality and diminishing opportunities which undermine many of the good news stories about the city.

Two in five children are now living in poverty in some parts of the city. A toxic mix of unemployment, low wages, zero hours contracts, short-term contracts, wage freezes, cuts in welfare benefits, rent arrears and debt are blighting many lives in Milton Keynes.

Our excellent MK Food Bank is dealing with record numbers of people, many of whom are in work, but are being paid poverty wages.

Low pay is a serious issue in MK and we need to redress the balance. It is good to see that MK Council is leading the way by becoming a living wage employer and more employers need to join that club.

Milton Keynes is a great city – but we must see an end to poverty pay and exploitative working practices, together with an increase in the number of quality jobs in our city.

Dave Brunwin
Stony Stratford

It's speed that kills

IS MK the most dangerous city in the UK for pedestrians and motorists?

Certainly, when friends visit they are appalled by the speed of the traffic and the dangers created by inconsiderate drivers motoring at high speed in an urban setting.

The concept behind the grid road system is an excellent one that plays a key role in keeping the city moving. But moving safely? I think not. In the 1970s and 80s perhaps, but not any more with the massive increase in traffic volume. If the grid roads are to allow cars to travel at motorway speeds then they need to emulate motorway design and remove all the bus stops, garages and their forecourts, roundabouts, adjacent paths and redways and all the road junctions that do not have slip road access. The list goes on. Then perhaps they would be relatively safe.

Too much traffic driving at high speeds on roads not properly designed to cope (see above) and in an urban environment is a recipe for disaster and so it proves with two more people seriously injured on our roads in the last week, one fatally.

The 55 page review recently carried out and as reported in your paper comes to laughable conclusions. What a waste of money! It's the speed that kills! Pedestrians have no chance and neither do other motorists.

In my view MK Council fails in its duty of care to provide a safe travel environment for its citizens, motorists and pedestrians alike.

E McMillan
Milton Keynes

Surgery is efficient

I HAVE been registered with Sovereign Medical Centre in Pennyland for the best part of 20 years.

I have had to call on its services many times and I cannot recall ever being unable to obtain an urgent appointment for the same day. Its system works, despite being recently burdened with a share of the fallout from the Willen surgery closure.

So if it can provide an efficient and accommodating service, why can't other practices?

Chris Curtis
Downs Barn

BUS CUT REACTIONS

Here are some of the many comments left on our Facebook page regarding the loss of some services:

Hannah Tearle: "The number 2 is always full in the evenings. How can it be cut? Not everyone is able to drive and I don't want to be riding a bike from MK to Newport in the dark every evening."

Joanna Louise: "Yay, more people to cross the busy roads at night because they can't get a bus and the underpasses are too dangerous. Well played MK Council."

Susan Togwell: "The Government wants people to use public transport instead of their cars, what a joke. The number 4 service is a joke."

David Barrett: "Absolutely outrageous. My grandparents use the buses, day in day out, they rely on them. Living in Simpson Village, with no local shop, they are cutting the bus service! They can't get to the hospital by bus, they can't get to the city centre, Bletchley or any shops! What imbecile thought this was a good idea?"

Jayde Campbell: "I don't drive and rely on the buses to get me and the kids out and about to various classes and such. Mind you Milton Keynes Council seems to be doing nothing but screwing up at the minute. Street light cuts, bus restrictions, possible closure of the YMCA (disgusted at that one) and possible closure of the CAB."

Laura Stemp: "Very disappointing. MK public transport is appalling and expensive as it is. Along with cuts/possible closure to the CAB I have little confidence in MK Council!"

Anthony Martin: "Saving money is always a good thing, but it would be nice to see the thought process behind this. How can a full bus be stopped? Surely this would make you a profit not a loss?"

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Bolt-on parts of MK are lacking in support

IT WAS with great interest that I read the recent report from Centre for Cities that Milton Keynes is THE top place to live and work.

For those of us already living here, we've known that for ages and, from a purely selfish point of view, I'm not too sure we want to shout too loudly about it.

Report author Paul Swinney says MK, along with London, Cambridge, Aberdeen and Coventry, has 'steamed ahead on the back of its dynamic and innovative economy leading the way in growth, jobs, business and population'. And he should know – he's the senior economist at Centre for Cities, an organisation that supports the growth of UK city economies by producing 'rigorous, evidence based research'.

Yes, I know it's good for business and the figures scream success: 24,400 jobs created since 2003; 14,800 new homes since 2004 etc.

But the area that was designated the new city of Milton Keynes 48 years ago this month is now full and what we are getting now is 'bolt-on' Milton Keynes with ever-growing housing areas stretching way outside the 'designated area' with little structural support in terms of extending the grid roads and other infrastructure and public services.

Sadly, it's what the report doesn't highlight that causes me the greatest sadness; parts of the city are looking worn out and weary and require updating or, better still, replacing.

For a glimpse of how MK was in its heyday, visit MKWeb and read the series of 'flashbackmk' articles online, including a great TV ad from the 80s.

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Sad celebration: Alex Todd-Weller's dad, Ian, and sister, Casey Todd-Howard, at the memorial concert at The Craufurd Arms. Bands played in honour of the popular drummer, *pictured below*

Bands boogie in a tribute to Alex

BY JACK ASH
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THE father of Invocation drummer Alex Todd-Weller has paid a musical tribute to his son at a memorial concert.

The 21-year-old was found dead in Furzton Lake in September last year after he went missing following a night out at Pink Punters in Fenny Stratford.

Alex's band, Invocation, a progressive metal band formed in the city, headlined ATW Fest on Saturday and played with a backing track recorded by Alex on the drums before his death.

The Craufurd Arms event featured nine of Alex's favourite bands, including Hactivist, Seethe and a performance from Alex's dad Ian Todd-Weller.

The 63-year-old said: "I broke down in tears earlier, but this is a perfect way to celebrate his life.

"It was a pleasure to be asked to play. I treated them to ZZ Top's Sharp Dressed Man, plus Monkey Man. They asked me to play because Alex occasionally played in my covers band.

"This is the best venue in Milton Keynes – Alex played here more than anywhere. But I did see him play the 02 Academy a few weeks before he died, and that was the last time I saw him play."

Invocation vocalist, and organiser of the one-day tribute gig, Matt Duffy, said at the gig: "This is a great event for a sad cause. This is celebrating music culture in the area as well as helping support each other.

"It is a great turnout we're playing to tonight, it will be sad when we look back and don't see him behind the drums.

"We are playing with a backing track that Alex played on before his death, but as the old cliché goes 'the show must go on'."

Seethe's bass player commented: "It really does show the Milton Keynes spirit, we're celebrating him at his best. Alex would have wanted a big party, he would have loved it. It's all his favourite bands, so it's a fitting tribute, this is what he'd have wanted, all of us getting together."

The inquest into Alex's death was held at Milton Keynes Coroners Court in Crownhill on Friday.

Coroner Tom Osborne reached an open verdict, due to a lack of evidence to enabled him to ascertain what caused Alex's death.

Following the verdict Mr Todd-Weller told MK NEWS he was unhappy with the result and was speaking to his solicitor.

Back in September, the police's handling of the search for Alex, from Shenley Brook End, was referred to the IPCC after a fear for welfare report was received the night he went missing.

The IPCC referred it back to the force for a local investigation which has now been completed and handed over to the family.

A police spokesman said: "The family has a copy of the Thames Valley Police Professional Standards report and they are considering their options.

"This was a tragic death of a young man and our thoughts are with Alex's family and friends at this time."

Robber is guilty

RYAN Fuller pleaded guilty to one count of robbery when he appeared at Aylesbury Crown Court on Monday.

Fuller, 24, of no fixed abode, tried to rob the Natwest bank in Bletchley in broad daylight on Monday, January 12 and could be seen clearly on CCTV wearing a suit and tie.

The judge ordered a psychiatric report and pre-sentence report. Fuller has been remanded in custody until sentencing on March 23.

Manhunt after assault

POLICE are continuing to investigate following a report of a sexual assault on a 12-year-old boy last Wednesday.

Officers have removed a cordon at the scene of the incident in Bradville Park, which happened at around 4.30pm next to the football courts.

Residents had a letter from Thames Valley Police posted through their doors saying: "The offender is a man of average height and build who was wearing a black hooded top, with the hood up, black tracksuit bottoms and black Nike trainers."

Senior investigating officer Detective Inspector Phil Hayes, of the Child Abuse Investigation Unit, said: "If you have any information contact police immediately via 101.

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On the prowl: An exhibitor from kids play sets out her stall at the MK Job Show

Job show was the business

HUNDREDS of people flocked to the MK Job Show at thecentre:mk in search of opportunities with the likes of Deloitte, Santander and The Royal Air Force.

Event director Mike Bickerdike said: "The event gave everyone who was looking to improve their careers an opportunity to visit MK's finest businesses and organisations. We had great feedback from exhibitioners and visitors.

"Last year's show was also a great success, but this year it has been described as the best show so far! That may be because we had a wider range of exhibitioners this year. John Lewis, IKEA, Sports Direct and Brioschе are just a few examples of the new companies who took stands at the show."

MKWeb and MK NEWS were media sponsors of the show, which took place on Friday and Saturday and was also supported by B/S/H (Bosch and Siemens Home Appliances Group).

Due to its success, the MK Job Show will return to Milton Keynes in September.

Market's booze sales reviewed

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE owner of an off-licence has denied he is contributing to anti-social behaviour in Fenny Stratford by selling alcohol to drunk people.

Tonight a committee is due to review the licence of Bletchley Mini Market in Watling Street.

But owner Sabir Khan, who has run the store for five years, has batted back claims by councillors that he is adding to anti-social behaviour on the street.

Mr Khan, aged 59, from Luton, told MK NEWS: "I haven't seen anybody misbehaving outside of my store. It's just a made-up story and there is no evidence."

But Cllr David Nash, a UKIP ward councillor for Bletchley, said: "I have received communications from three businesses informing me Mr Khan is still selling alcohol to intoxicated people.

"This action is one of the reasons that Fenny is experiencing anti-social behaviour."

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council is also 'fully supportive' of the review, saying the off-licence 'isn't protecting the local community'.

And Thames Valley Police say that on June 28, 2013, after an officer visited the premises, a shop assistant told him that a customer 'was very drunk' but was 'unaware' it was illegal to sell him alcohol.

Mr Khan replied: "My daughter who was working made one mistake once. She sold him alcohol but he was being intimidating and damaging the till.

"If I lose this licence I have lost my way of living."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Not guilty rape pleas

OMAR Ahmed, 23, of Warwick Road, Bletchley, and Glody Maki, 23, of Boycott Avenue, Oldbrook, have both pleaded not guilty to a rape in Fishermead on January 14.

Search on for Dave

POLICE are searching for Dave Barlow, 29, missing from Walnut Tree since Monday.

Rescued from fire

A BOY aged two was rescued by firefighters from a kitchen fire in Ashland on Friday.

Vodaphone prize

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Museum aims for wow factor

MORE exciting details about the multi-million expansion at Milton Keynes Museum have been released.

The museum in Stacey Bushes is still looking for suggestions from residents for the expansion, which will tell the area's story from pre-history to the present day.

Some current ideas include talking portraits, projection of characters that interact with visitors and the use of computer generated imagery (CGI) technology to bring fossils to life. The museum expansion was announced in March 2014 and is planned to open in 2018.

Grant is music to their ears

A COMMUNITY radio station says a £1,500 grant is a major boost to its long-term plans to win an FM licence.

Secklow Sounds, which currently delivers its service online, applied to Ofcom for the licence after receiving the cash from the Milton Keynes Business Achievement Awards (BAA) in 2014. The grant, set up by MK Business Leaders Partnership, is set for a further boost following this year's MK BAA in March. The closing date for entries is Monday.

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Library opens its doors to readers

THE new library in Kingston officially opened yesterday morning.

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Cllr Liz Gifford, cabinet member for community services, said: "We need to change the way libraries operate. A facility like this helps that process."

Card cloned at pizza takeaway

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A PIZZA lover is warning residents after his card was cloned at a takeaway and £700 was stolen.

The man, who does not want to be named, used his card in Papa John's in Chandos Place, Bletchley, on January 12, where it was cloned and used that evening.

The 25-year-old said: "I don't use my card very often, but after buying the pizza I started to notice that small amounts of money were going out of my account from different retailers.

"Over a period of time the amounts increased, so I contacted my bank and the police. I knew how it worked as I used to work in a bank's fraud claims department."

As well as contacting the police and his bank, the man also contacted Papa John's customer service to make them aware and ask them what they were going to do to stop others having their cards cloned.

"Customer service were horrendous and just said I should contact my bank," he added.

"The way they have handled it is really bad and I want to warn others."

He claimed after talking to police he discovered that they were aware of cards being cloned at other Papa John's.

A spokesman for Papa John's commented: "We are aware of the claim made by the customer and we are currently looking into it."

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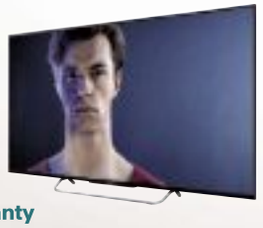

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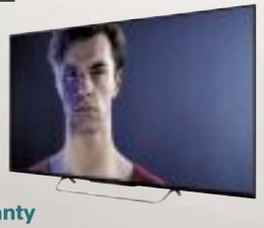

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Family affair at new Morrisons

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE long-awaited new Morrisons supermarket and M local convenience store were both officially opened yesterday.

Between them they have created 276 new jobs, with 200 people who were previously unemployed taking up roles.

The new Morrisons supermarket at Milton Keynes' Leisure Plaza includes a 'family friendly' product range and store design, created for the area's high population of young families.

The store has wider aisles, a modern new café with children's area and buggy-friendly moveable seating, plus redesigned baby-change facilities.

The store is also a Craft Skills Academy – with staff trained in a range of traditional skills such as butchery, fishmongery, bakery and flower arranging.

Store general manager Paul White said: "Milton Keynes has a high population of families. We have created a store with a product range and design to make it easier for parents to buy what they need and get round more easily."

The store was opened by headteacher Kirk Hopkins and pupils from Oldbrook First School, the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Councillor Derek Eastman, and Melanie Bradbury from Sue Ryder – Morrisons' national charity partner.

The new Morrisons M local is now also open in Tattenhoe Lane, Bletchley.

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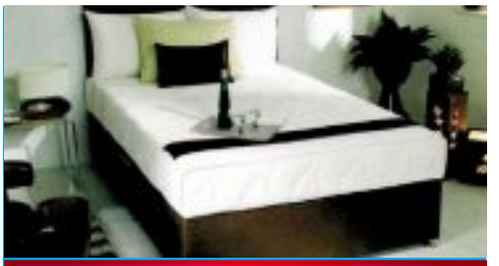

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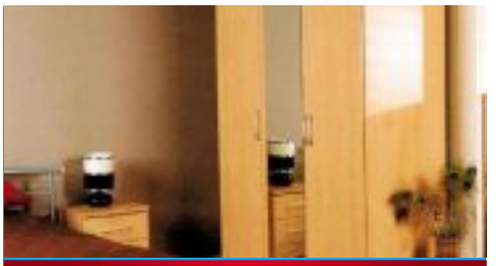

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12 year wait to afford a home

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A YOUNG couple with a child would have to save for more than 12 years before they could afford to buy a home in Milton Keynes, according to a new study.

Research for the housing charity Shelter looked at average wages, house prices, rents and spending on essentials to show the challenge faced by those trying to save for a home of their own in the region.

It found that couples without children face almost six-and-a-half years of saving, leaving many with the difficult choice between getting on the property ladder and starting a family. Single people face an even greater barrier, with a wait of nearly 13 years until they can afford to buy.

Chris Morris, who rents with his wife, four-year-old daughter and two-year-old son, feels like owning his own home is a dream he will never be able to fulfil.

The father-of-two said: "For our deposit for a three-bed house we would need to save for seven years.

"I lived in Milton Keynes my whole life and know what areas I would like to live in. I would love for my daughter to go to Shenley Brook End School but that means we would be looking at the top end of houses costing £240,000."

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Robyn Holman: "I hate how most people in my generation will never properly own a house and will live the rest of our lives renting

Tracey Preston: "They say 'only' five per cent deposit as if that's nothing, but five per cent of £200,000 is still £10,000."

Oliver Mcloughlin: "Loads of deals for mortgages at the moment. Even a young couple shouldn't have a problem getting onto the housing ladder.

Fiona Jane: "The problem is that there aren't any decent affordable houses! And when they do come onto the market you have to fight for them."

Rachel Simpson: "My kids are adults and have had to come back home as they can't afford to live anywhere."

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£10,000 reward to nab Red Bull gang

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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THE police are now looking into new lines of enquiry after being inundated with calls following the BBC Crimewatch appeal on December's Red Bull burglary.

Officers had a dozen calls last Wednesday night after team principle Christian Horner's appeal.

CCTV footage shows six thieves driving a silver 4x4 through the Red Bull headquarters' entrance in Bradbourne Drive, Tilbrook, in the early hours of December 6.

A further dark coloured Mercedes estate car was then driven in and both vehicles are believed to have foreign number plates.

More than 60 trophies were stolen, despite some being mounted high up on the walls.

The Formula 1 team is offering a £10,000 reward for anyone who comes forward with information that leads to the conviction of those responsible.

Mr Horner told MK NEWS: "It is not what they cost, it's what they represent and the amount of sweat and tears and energy that go into winning those trophies. There were members of staff in tears as a result of the burglary."

Two weeks after the dramatic break-in, at least 20 of the trophies were recovered from a lake in Hampshire.

Mr Horner added: "Some of the trophies floated to the surface of a lake and we're very grateful to the owner because he kept going down every day and fishing out trophies. After the appearance on Crimewatch there have been some very good leads. Hopefully we'll manage to recover some more of them."

A police spokesman said: "There are lines of enquiry which officers will be following up.

"We are continuing to appeal for anyone with information about this incident, or anyone who recognises anyone shown in the CCTV images, to call Thames Valley Police on 101."

Crime scene: Raiders took trophies from Red Bull's headquarters

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Remembering the

AS MILTON Keynes celebrates its 48th birthday we look back at the key moments and popular spots to visit, which all add up to growing up in MK over the last three decades

1980s

Backtracking: The Peace Pagoda at Willen Lake, The Point and Milton Keynes Central railway station

(1) Peace Pagoda at Willen Lake is dedicated in 1980
(2) The Police and UB40 headlined at The National Bowl in 1980
(3) Homeworld attracted thousands of visitors to Bradwell Common in 1981
(4) Peaches was the hot spot in Bletchley
(5) Muzaks became the trendy upstairs bar once a month at the New Inn in New Bradwell
(6) David Bowie brought his Serious Moonlight tour to The National Bowl in 1983
(7) The first trains stopped at Milton Keynes Central station in 1982
(8) Gyosei International School opened in 1986
(9) Britain's first aqueduct for a century was built in New Bradwell in 1989
(10) The shopping centre, which opened in 1979, produced its famous red balloon video
(11) Energy world was launched at Shenley Lodge in 1986
(12) The Point opened its doors to become the first multi-screen cinema complex in the UK in 1985
(13) Milton Keynes Hospital took in its first patients in 1984

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1990s

Remember: MK Lions and Empire nightclub

(1) Roller disco at Rollers in Bletchley
(2) Activity World with the massive vertical slide and spiders web drop behind Rollers
(3) Dolphin Splashdown at Shenley Church End
(4) Cycling, summer camps and sailing at Willen Lake
(5) Bowling and ice skating at Super Bowl and the Leisure Plaza
(6) Watching MK Lions play basketball at Bletchley Leisure Centre
(7) The under-18s nights at Empire nightclub at the Leisure Plaza
(8) Dreamscape at Denbigh Leisure Park in 1992
(9) The amusement arcade and bowling at Xscape
(10) Kids Club at Stantonbury Campus and Leisure Centre
(11) Visits to Milton Keynes Museum
(12) Kids' parties at Gulliver's Land
(13) Quasar at the Leisure Plaza
(14) Watching MK Lightning Ice Hockey
(15) Eating a fry-up at Mr T's cafe in Bletchley
(16) The funfair and fireworks at Campbell Park
(17) The summer fair at Willen Lake
(18) A visit to Hazard Alley at MK Safety Centre in Kiln Farm

2000s

(1) Summer XS concerts at The National Bowl with Blue, Mcfly, Busted and Daniel Bedingfield. Do you remember the mess up by Blazin Squad?
(2) When skating at the train station and Theatre District meant you were cool
(3) Waiting for the red light to come on at Krispy Kremes in thecentre:mk to get a free original glazed doghnut
(4) Hanging out at the big tree in Midsummer Place
(5) Going to the Cineworld cinema at Xscape and trying to get into 12As when you were eleven and only having to pay £5 for a ticket
(6) Nappie nights at Oceana nightclub
(7) The Bubble Clock opened at Midsummer Place
(8) Bon Jovi, Green Day, Robbie Williams, Linkin Park and Jay Z were just some of the people who played at The National Bowl
(9) The Queen visited
(10) The new football stadium opened at MK1
(11) Going for a night out in Mood

Timeless: The Bubble Clock and Oceana

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Match recalls hero on and off the pitch

BY JACK ASH
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Historic clash: Action from the match and, *inset*, the influential Edgar Mobbs

A HERO on the rugby pitch and the battlefield was commemorated in a special rugby match in Olney at the weekend.

Olney Rugby Club played 1st Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment RFC, to mark the centenary of an historical day involving Olney man Edgar Mobbs.

It was a hundred years ago that Mr Mobbs took to Franklins Gardens, home of Northampton Saints, and shouted at the top of his voice: "I'm signing up to join the army, who's with me?"

Prior to this Mr Mobbs had been turned down to join the army at the age of 32 due to being too old and instead decided to form his own Battalion, the 7th Battalion of the Northampton Regiment.

His recruitment drive saw 264 people sign up and serve in the First World War and it was this enthusiasm and drive that saw him progress from Private to Colonel in 19 months, one of the fastest progressions in British army history.

His great nephew, also named Edgar Mobbs, said: "He was a great leader, both on the rugby pitch and on the battlefield."

Mr Mobbs, 72, is a current season ticket holder at Franklins Gardens, but missed his side's loss to Racing Metro to witness the Olney match.

Chairman of Olney Rugby Club Jarlath McElroy was pleased with the event, which raised money for military charity SSAFA. He said: "Everything went really well, I invited 150 guests from local rugby clubs, the council and local sports clubs and I think this is one of the biggest crowds we have had."

Edgar Mobbs is also commemorated annually in the Mobbs Memorial match, which has been played since its inception in 1921.

It now takes place between the British Army and Northampton Saints and Bedford Blues, who alternate as hosts and opponents.

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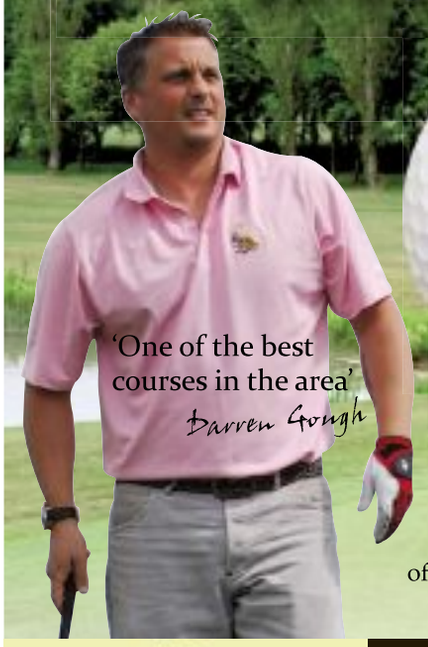

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Action stations for film awards

BY JACK ASH
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BUDDING filmmakers can now enter a competition to win £500 and have their work shown in train stations nationwide.

Sponsored by Network Rail, the Junior Filmmaker of the Year Award will feature 10 schools from Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire.

The theme of the competition, run by the Junior Filmmaker Club, is Railway Safety and young people will be encouraged to discuss key messages like trespassing, graffiti, vandalism, thrill-seeking, stone throwing, anti-social behaviour, electrocution, level crossings and taking short cuts.

The films will be judged by film industry experts, who will look at how filmmakers have effectively communicated the key messages and how entertaining it has been.

The films will be shown at a one-day film festival in July, with the winning school receiving £500 at a gala premiere and awards evening.

On cue: Pupils at the launch of the Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire junior filmmakers competition

The winning film will also be screened at railway stations in the UK and used as a learning resource for schools.

Stephanie Brizs, Network Rail project lead, said: "Network Rail has decided to sponsor the competition because it is very interested in the safety of young people and wants to communicate the importance of railway safety to them.

"It has chosen to work with Junior Filmmakers as it believes young people communicating directly with one another is a very effective way of getting messages across."

Gemma Anderson, 31, assistant headteacher at Barleyhurst Park Primary School in West Bletchley, said: "We have 10 Year Five students taking part and they are very excited at the prospect of their first experience of making a film."

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Organiser and coach Steve Healy said: "I want to try and generate a national league futsal club that we can enter into the FA national structure league, while also creating a recreational opportunity."

He added: "What you tend to find is that a lot of players from Spain, Brazil, France play this game in their youth and that futsal is a more technical based game, whereas in our traditional five-a-side game you are banging it off walls and it is a very lightweight ball that won't improve your skills."

Steve believes Futsal could be part of the answer to England's current international crisis.

"It is an aid, it is definitely a tool that could benefit our younger players within the country and it's just about spreading the word of what the benefits are to players around the country, and what the benefits of futsal are to our traditional game of football."

Originally from Uruguay, the game is a variant on five-a-side, but you can't use the walls and it is generally played indoors between five players – one keeper and four outfield.

The Milton Keynes side is based at Woughton Sports Centre and meets to train on Fridays at 6.30pm.

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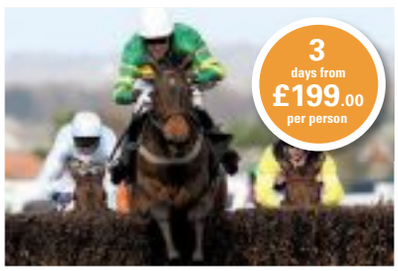

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Charity full of beans thanks to recycler

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A RETIRED bingo manager has raised more than £1,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support by recycling other people's Tassimo coffee machine T-DISCS.

George Thomson, aged 65, told MK NEWS how he joined the Tassimo Brigade because he was appalled that all the T-DISCS and outer foil packaging would otherwise go into landfill, as Milton Keynes Council's collection can't recycle the material.

The coffee lover said: "I wanted to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support after a close friend had a brush with cancer.

"I was able to see first hand the work these people did as more often you hear the name but don't see the vital things they do.

"I really wanted to help other people and this is really rewarding and something that is easy to manage."

George bought his own wheelie bin, also known as Ruby Red, because the one provided by Tassimo was filled up too quickly.

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We love our Labs

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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ACCORDING to a recent survey, the most popular dog breed in Milton Keynes is a Labrador Retriever.

The BBC analysed 10 years of microchipping data to find out that there are 14,800 dogs tagged in Milton Keynes and 4,700 of those are Labrador Retrievers.

Labrador Retrievers, also known simply as Labradors or Labs, are one of several kinds of retrievers, a type of gun dog. Labradors are athletic, playful and known to be loyal.

One Labrador fan is Giles Fern, co-owner and head chef at The White Hart in Sherington, who praised the dog's loyalty.

The 38-year-old has Harvey and Omey, yellow and black Labradors who are the best of friends.

Mr Fern said: "Omey is definitely the security for the pub, whereas Harvey specialises more in customer service. They are really friendly and faithful dogs, who like to please you.

Behind the Labs as the most popular dogs in the city were Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Jack Russel Terriers, Cocker Spaniels and Border Collies.

Four-legged friends: Giles Fern with Labradors Omey and Harvey

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AMY Converse, a vet at Vets4Pets and a columnist for MK NEWS and MKWeb, said: "The good thing about Labs in Milton Keynes is there are lots of parks to walk around and areas like Furzton and Caldecotte Lake.

"They like being outdoors and are very good family pets. They do like eating, but just like any other breed really.

"With any dog you need to understand the breed to know how much exercise they need, for example Labs needs more exercise than a Pug. They are also prone to hip related problems, which can turn into arthritis. You should check the history of the parents before you buy a puppy, a simple hip scan of the parents can help to get a hip score and breeders ought to know this."

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MK EDUCATION

Double trouble: Tony Draper thinks Ofsted plans that could involve schools being inspected twice in the same day are 'farcical'

Extended nursery answers demand for 60 more places

A NURSERY says it has already received plenty of phone calls from parents looking to place their children at its expanded facility.

Come September, 60 extra toddlers will be able to use the Giles Brook Caterpillars Nursery in Tattenhoe, which includes new toilets for the youngsters and an outdoor play area with a shelter so that the children can play outside in all weathers.

"We're very excited and it's been five years in the planning," said headteacher Claire Britnell.

"It will provide a really smooth transition for the pupils from nursery to school."

Giles Brook's business manager Sam Summers said: "There's a community need and places have been at a premium for nurseries. There's been a lot of interest and we're getting enquiries every day."

MK Dons' goalkeeper Ian McLoughlin opened the expanded nursery, which was met with the seal of approval by parent Tari Chipika, whose three-year-old, Tatemda, attends the facility.

"I think it's really good and the toilets are at just the right size, for them" said Tari.

Expanding: MK Dons' goalkeeper Ian McLoughlin opens the extension

Head hits out at two inspections

BY NISHA MAL
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A HEADTEACHER has labelled Ofsted plans to visit schools twice in the same day as 'farcical'.

Tony Draper, vice president of the National Association for Head Teachers (NAHT), has spoken out over the plans, intended to test the reliability of inspectors' findings.

The watchdog is planning to pilot the proposal this term and inspectors will compare their judgements to see if they have the same findings.

If the proposal proves to be effective, the method could be included in a new framework for schools graded 'good' starting from September.

Mr Draper, headteacher of Water Hall Primary School, said: "It shows Ofsted is farcical, this reliability study shows just how low they've gone. If they send in two different inspectors they will of course have different outcomes, the idea doesn't marry up and creates fear within schools. Doubt will come into place. Ofsted should support schools, it shouldn't be an aggressive agency."

Teaching unions have said concerns about reliability have always 'dogged' Ofsted.

Mr Draper said: "What we find is a great variance of qualifications and reliance of inspectors. You've got secondary school teachers inspecting primary schools. I don't know for sure, but what they could be trying to do is weed out the less experienced inspectors."

Academy appoints new principal

THE Hazeley Academy has announced the appointment of Tony Nelson as its new principal.

Mr Nelson joined Hazeley as a senior vice principal in 2012 from Roade School and Sports College, where he had served as the acting headteacher.

He then took on the role of acting principal at Hazeley in July 2014, but has now been handed the role on a permanent basis.

Mr Nelson said: "It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with the staff, students, parents and directors at The Hazeley Academy.

"I approached the role of acting principal with a clear focus on the long-term needs of the academy, consequently staff, students and other stakeholders should not notice any significant changes in the direction, pace or style of the leadership of the academy following my permanent appointment."

The Hazeley Academy is situated on the western flank of Milton Keynes. It opened in 2005 and now has approximately 1,500 students and more than 150 staff.

Malcolm Dobell, chairman of the school's board of directors, said: "Tony has a clear vision on delivering year on year improvements to our academic results, which are already among the best in Milton Keynes."

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Ghouls going for it

THE energetic five-piece punk and rock band Ghouls will be bringing Milton Keynes to its knees with their unique performance style and lively stage presence.

Maz, Ben, Bray, Muss and Russ make up the group and the lads will be kicking off their winter tour this month.

Ghouls originally hail from London and have toured throughout the UK and Europe. Their EP Great Expectations is taking fans by storm in Milton Keynes, Plymouth, Belgium and Germany.

Drummer Harry, aka Baz, recently announced he will be leaving the band to go travelling in Asia, which means they are now on the look-out for a replacement. The ideal candidate should like playing 'sick punk rock gigs and festivals'. If you think you fit the bill email ghoulsuk@gmail.com.

Ghouls will be playing at The Craufurd Arms in Wolverton on February 6. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £6.

They are available from www.thecraufurdarms.com/

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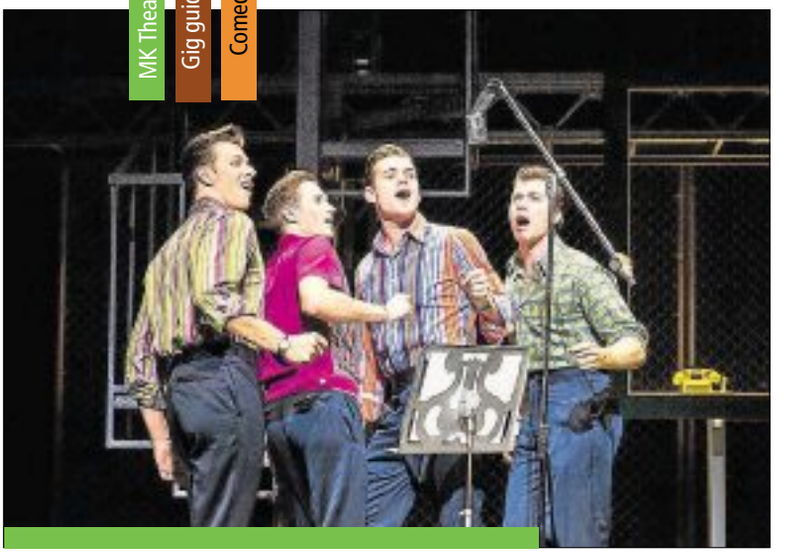

naughtyboys

THE musical Jersey Boys is taking audiences by storm and it owes a lot of its success to its director, Milton Keynes born-and-bred Allison Coyne.

Hailing from Newton Longville, Allison has been in show business since she was 11 years old but this will be the first time she has stopped off at Milton Keynes Theatre while on tour.

She said: "Considering it is my home theatre I've never toured in MK. It's so lovely to finally be able to and means I get to live at home for a few weeks.

"My mum has booked tickets and I'm getting calls and texts every day from people saying they've booked tickets – I have lots of family and friends in the area."

Allison went to the Sylvia Mitchell School of Dance before leaving Milton Keynes at the age of 11 to study theatre full-time in Coventry.

Jersey Boys tells the remarkable rise to stardom of one of the most successful bands in pop music history, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

It is based on the lives and music of the band members who Allison describes as 'really naughty boys who were in and out of prison'.

Of the show Allison said: "The biggest draw is the music, they've written so much people wouldn't associate with the Four Seasons.

"I was amazed by how many of the songs I knew and now I recognise their music everywhere."

Jersey Boys will be on at Milton Keynes Theatre from Tuesday until February 14. There are evening and matinee showings.

You can buy tickets by calling the box office on 0844 871 7652, or by visiting www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

More Jersey Boys news: www.mkweb.co.uk

fan-tasticraider

MILTON Keynes is set to welcome back the Wealdstone Raider, as he will be making an appearance at the reopening of Kiln Farm pub.

Gordon Hill, as he is known in his everyday life, will be performing his charity track, Got No Fans, on the night and followers can enjoy having a drink and a selfie with the celebrity.

The Raider's track finished at number five in the Christmas chart, being beaten by X-Factor winner Ben Haenow with the song Something I Need.

Co-owner of the live venue, Simon O' Brian, said: "It's fair to say the track has been the soundtrack to the building work. We love the Wealdstone Raider and have had him playing on my phone while we have been carrying out the work."

The Wealdstone Raider first achieved notoriety in a viral video, which saw him first utter his immortal phrase 'You got no fans'.

The track, which has already got more than two million views, is reported to have raised nearly £10,000 for charity.

The event will be held on Saturday and the Raider will be at the venue between 8pm and 10pm.

beardylaughs

PHIL Jerrod began his stand-up career underneath an Angus Steakhouse in 2012.

Since then he has failed his PhD, walked out of his job in publishing and has been entertaining audiences up and down the country ever since.

Phil is set to bring his elegant rants about problems of modern life to the area next month.

His innovative style, inspired by a harsh upbringing in the cruel conditions of middle-class rural Warwickshire, has seen him perform in clubs, art centres and theatres all across the UK.

Phil's unique sense of humour has helped him build an incredible reputation. On the comedy circuit he is also known for having one of the largest beards in stand-up.

Phil will be performing at The Crown in Market Square, Stony Stratford, on February 12. Tickets cost £8 and are available on the Comedy Cow website – www.thecomedycow.co.uk

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Founder and head chef William Chow has designed a revolutionary menu that offers homemade signature dishes such as Vietnamese monk's spring rolls, Cambodian fish amok and the legendary beef rendang. There are also vegetarian and gluten-free dishes.

To celebrate its success, Banana Tree is giving away some great prizes to MK LIFE readers.

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americansniper

AMERICAN Sniper is a top action and real life story that will send you on an emotional roller coaster.

The film stars Bradley Cooper, who had to buff up for the role, and his wife played by Sienna Miller.

The movie is based on an autobiography written by Chris Kyle, also known as The Legend for the amount of people he killed on his four tours in Iraq.

Chris was the most lethal sniper in US military history, with 255 kills, 160 of which were officially confirmed by the Department of Defence.

Director Clint Eastwood takes viewers on Chris' journey – falling in love and having children, but also facing another life at war.

Throughout the movie you see how Chris finds it hard to switch off when he comes home.

A passionate sniper who wants to save his brothers and serve his country, you see his obsession with an enemy sniper and how it leads to a price on his head and his near death.

There is an unexpected twist to Chris' life that makes you think about life and death and how you should appreciate every day as you never know when it will be your last.

Jessica Duncan

★★★★★

CALDECOTTE Lake is a leisure spot with plenty to offer visitors, whatever the season. The Parks Trust takes you on a brief guided tour

CALDECOTTE Lake was created in the early 1980s as part of Milton Keynes' flood defences – at the same time providing a lovely setting for watersports and wildlife.

The southern end of the lake is a great place to enjoy sailing and paddlesports, get fit or look for interesting birdlife.

For watersports enthusiasts Milton Keynes Sailing Club, Milton Keynes Rowing Club and Milton Keynes Canoeing Club share a clubhouse on the south east shore.

Walkers can take a 2.9km circular walk around the southern end, which takes around 40 minutes, or do a full circuit of both lakes at just under 6km.

If you're looking to boost your fitness regime there's an excellent range of outdoor gym equipment which is provided by Walton Community Council and is completely free to use.

It's located by the adjacent business park. An outdoor table tennis table (with bats and balls provided) is also available and free for park visitors to use.

The south lake has two bird-watching areas which are great for spotting resident and visiting birdlife.

Among resident species are Coot, Tufted Duck, Grey Heron and Great Crested Grebe, while autumn sees the arrival of over-wintering duck species such as Goosander, Pochard and Teal.

It's also probably the best location to spot over-wintering Little Grebes, with up to 20 in some winters.

Look out for Cormorant island, where these large waterbirds can sometimes be seen drying their wings.

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realradio

IT'S fair to say that you won't hear Taylor Swift or One Direction on Real City Radio and it makes no apologies for that, instead creating its own movement – which started from a living room in Wolverton.

More to its tastes are the likes of Lee Holman, Jimpster and DJ Jamie C, appealing to large audiences who know their music and want to hear the newest and best sounding tracks.

Station manager Ricardo and DJ Bruce Billingly have forgotten more about house music than your average person will ever know.

Ricardo said: "Bruce has grown the most over recent months, I've had to rein him in at times but he has a real talent for it. He is not about being a celeb, he is not quick to forget the old stuff and is very good on vinyl."

Bruce's story has seen him play at some of the biggest clubs in the country including the Ministry of Sound, Pasha and our own Pink Punters.

By day he has done everything from fixing Monarch aeroplanes to painting and decorating but believes Milton Keynes is playing an important part in the local music movement.

He said: "I play a lot in Milton Keynes and sometimes there can be cliques when moving from place to place. I moved from Luton to where I currently live and some people turned their noses up at my move."

Bruce's style does not require 'gimmicks' such as filters and loops but instead relies on him reading the mood of the crowd and seamlessly dropping track after track.

Real City Radio initially started back in 2010 and is a joint venture between Sony Gold, MOBO and Heart FM award-winning DJ Steve Jackson and sound engineer Ricardo. The station was set up to help kids get into music and provide a platform for people to play their favourite music.

Bruce's upcoming dates:
A Special Valentines Celebration – February 14 – The Snobar, Xscape.
Garage nation – March 6 – Wonderland.
Moonlight party – March 27 – Ministry of Sound.

parklove

VALENTINE'S Day may seem like it's weeks away, but restaurants are already taking bookings and shops are already filling their shelves with heart-shaped cuddly toys and chocolates.

If you are not sure how to spend the big day, Bletchley Park is offering a free day out for everyone with an MK postcode.

The vibrant visitor attraction is inviting you and your loved one to experience what it was like for the code breakers of World War II.

Visitors can explore the restored wartime buildings,

see The Imitation Game, The Exhibition, take part in family-friendly workshops and tell the Bletchley Park Trust what they think of the restoration completed in 2014.

There will also be a chance to explore exciting volunteering opportunities.

If you can commit to one day a month or more, talk to the team on February 14 about signing up to help share its story with hundreds of visitors a day and keep the heritage site alive.

crookedbillet

THE Crooked Billet based in Newton Longville is producing beautifully tasting English food with a unique twist, all being produced by last year's MK Chef of the Year.

The warm and homely atmosphere is combined with a glorious crackling fire and food being served that is both breaking boundaries and staying true to its quintessential British routes.

Shane Clarke, 25, is in the kitchen and served up an incredible tasting tea-smoked duck breast, duck fat chips, crispy egg and pineapple jam.

The duck was beautifully smoked with a soft infusion of tea and served in thin slices, the edges nicely crisped.

While the duck was the main feature, the crispy egg was an intriguing sideshow that almost broke scientific logic. While in

the centre it was a perfectly cooked boiled egg with runny yolk the outside was a golden crispy coating that really appealed to the child in me.

Finally the combination of pineapple jam and duck fat chips was both comforting and brilliantly designed with the sweetness of the pineapple completely in tune with the tea smoked duck.

The restaurant has been in the hands of recent owner David Pugh since just before Christmas.

While the food has touches of fine dining, the restaurant also has a bar menu and sandwich selection that is suitable for every wallet.

Manager Dave is starting to look at evenings that will appeal to everyone, particularly local food lovers, with a sausage and mash event where five sausages, five mashes and three gravy options are available.

The Crooked Billet is definitely worth a visit, in what is a great-looking local pub with exposed wood beams and food that without doubt is worth experiencing.

Jack Ash

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littlehoward

LITTLE Howard is the world's only children's live interactive animation.

He's won so many awards and has just celebrated his sixth birthday (for the 10th year in a row). Watch as his new act keeps going wrong. Roger The Pigeon has spent all their money on cookie cutters and Big Howard has been diagnosed with being clinically unfunny.

Little Howard will be at Stantonbury Theatre on February 8 at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £9.50, £7.50 concessions and £30 for a family ticket. They are available from www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk

guitarking

JAZZ guitarist Eduardo Niebla is the master of today's generation, technically superb, breathtakingly versatile and phenomenally talented.

His music is inspired by his journeys to India, the Middle East and his Spanish homeland. Eduardo is performing at The Stables on February 4 at 8pm. Tickets cost £17.50 and are available from www.stables.org

bannermaking

ENJOY a banner workshop at Westbury Arts Centre and help to create a procession of artwork to be shown at Campbell Park in July.

The tribute banners are for the people who served and sacrificed their lives in the Great War. The workshop will be held at Westbury Arts Centre on February 7 from 10.30am-4pm.

It is a free event but if you want to go, book your place by emailing admin@westburyartscentre.co.uk.

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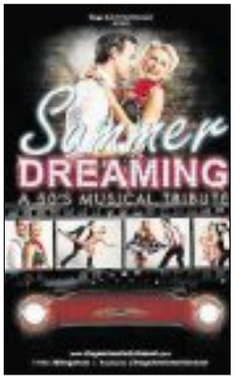

WILTON Hall harks back to the 50s on Saturday, February 21, when Summer Dreaming pays homage to a nostalgic bygone era when Elvis was King and all a girl dreamed of was becoming prom queen and finding the coolest guy with his hair greased in a duck tail, wearing a leather jacket.

Join a cast of West End singers for a sing-along to smash hits including Grease is the Word, Hound Dog, Blue Moon, Stupid Cupid, It's My Party, Hopelessly Devoted and Run Around Sue.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £25 from 01908 372277.

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TERESA 39, petite, cuddly and bubbly seeks kind older male to travel, have fun, and take care of, pamper and flirt with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 416081**

20 year old female, full time worker looking for older man aged 23-30 for long-term relationship. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4574178**

LUCY stunning tall brunette, looking for exciting times, seeks likeminded, adventurous male who is willing to try anything once or maybe even twice! **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 416079**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel No: 0905 002 1883 Box No: 413399**

PETITE blonde, blue eyes, very feminine and sensual seeks younger male for friendship and discreet fun. Can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 416077**

ADVENTUROUS sexy lady, 38yrs, married but seeks no strings fun with discreet man, any age. I'm tall, slim and dominant. Aca. **Tel No: 0905 002 1937 Box No: 415301**

SARAH 29yr old pretty slim single mum of one, interesting, lively, good fun, enjoys nights in/out, music, seeking similar easy going, genuine, honest man/dad to get to know. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415841**

ANNE, mid 40's, cheerful busty cuvy affectionate real woman! Seeks gent, any age or looks for nights at mine. **Tel No: 0905 002 1953 Box No: 410291**

ANGIE attractive nurse 39yrs, new to area/advertising, likes dog walking, being sociable, meals in/out, WLTM honest, fun male for possible ltr. looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415827**

DISCREET lady, 42yrs wants to make you happy, come to me and let me do that for you. ACA. **Tel No: 0905 002 1957 Box No: 409901**

LISA attractive petite Filipino female, very lonely, wanting to find love, companionship and to be happy, looking for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415549**

ALISON, 27 busty, shapely lady seeks fun only with broad minded man. Aca. **Tel No: 0905 002 1961 Box 416073**

INTELLIGENT funny guy without a huge ego required for damaged heart. Casey 39, size 10, curves in all the right paces, pretty, kind, loving, genuine, romantic and available. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415509**

JANET, 36yrs Scottish lady, too shy to go out but loves to chat from home. Will answer all texts. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627442**

JENNY voluptuous blonde tanned well presented female, enjoys being and giving pampering, cooking, cosy nights, looking for some broadminded excitement. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415399**

MELANIE, sophisticated solvent brunette wltm working man of any age, im 32yrs. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627443**

JACKIE very pretty leggy well-mannered/educated 28yr old female, loves nights in/out, sports, WLTM sincere male up to 35yrs for friendship, hopefully ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415377**

SLIM brunette 36yrs hoping to meet older gent for friendship, fun, maybe more. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624146**

LINDY, new to area, hoping to meet kind many of any age, looks unimportant. Im 43yrs blonde and petite. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627444**

JOYCE 39, attractive GSOH, loves nights out, honest, loyal, fun to be with, looking for mature male for adult companionship, meals out and hopefully more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415561**

PAMELA, married to boring man! Text only for fun phone frolics. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624149**

NICOLETTE 32 petite professional attractive black female looking for similar hardworking white male who like me loves life and is serious about finding a LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415545**

PAT blonde blue eyed curvy, cuddly female, attractive, likes swimming, gardening, holidays, my job/home, looking for happiness with quiet content grounded male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415533**

JULIA, seeks fifty shades of grey! You should be strong minded and seeking fun. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4627445**

MANDY 35, petite attractive slim female with very GSOH, likes to keep fit, meals in/out, WLTM genuine child friendly guy/dad for fun times together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415513**

SUSIE bubbly blonde looking for fun. Age/looks unimportant but must have a sense of adventure. Can travel and accommodate. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624145**

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DONNA 36yrs un-modest but very attractive, nice eyes, good figure, GSOH, OHAC, great job, sick of never meeting Mr Right, looking for someone special. Genuine male please. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415187**

PHILLIPA 22yrs just left boarding school, hoping to meet experienced working class man for real life fun. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624147**

ALISON 27yr old very bored broadminded female with plenty of free time on her hands looking for some adult fun times. Call me, I won't disappoint. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415177**

DEE lonely divorced female, slim, bubbly, attractive redhead, loves cuddles, looking for a man who can restore my faith in love and make me laugh. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414961**

PAMMY 42yrs, recently divorced and fancies becoming a "cougar". **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624148**

JACKIE extremely sensual lady but for your eyes only! likes horses, keeping fit, gardening looking for genuine love interest and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414721**

TERI separated single lady, blonde, blue eyes, slim, WLTM compatible male for genuine friendship, meals out, weekends away, nights out and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414361**

EMMA slim 5ft 8ins, single employed female with OHAC, enjoys many interests, gym, music, easy-going, genuine, supportive, seeking similar male for a chat, maybe a date. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414957**

JEAN slim blonde divorcee bubbly affectionate, romantic with lots of love to give, looking for man who knows how to look after a lady for meals in/out, friendship/ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414699**

DEBBIE brown eyed attractive social female, romantic, good listener, loves children, looking for similar nice male/dad to get to know, hopefully leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414383**

JANE 48yr old young looking professional female, tall, green eyes, attractive, size 12-14, enjoys walking, keeping active, nights in/out, good wine/conversation, seeking soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414729**

ELAINE 30, fit, sexy, curvy black lady, very feminine, loves wining, dining, nights in, seeks solvent white 40's male who is passionate, loving and caring. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414711**

CAROL giggly blonde lovely loyal, not desperate for a man just tired of not finding a decent one so thought I wld try this, pls call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413579**

DAWN 34, petite auburn haired female, size 12, sensitive, loving, affectionate, WLTM similar homely male who will spend lots of quality times with me for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414499**

KAREN 35 petite dark hair/eyed affectionate, caring, lovely female with many interests looking for genuine tlc from loving soul mate, dark haired preferred. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414487**

JULIE good looking 40's female, medium build, size 12, loveable, considerate, OHAC, likes nights in/out, walking, seeking loving male without lots of baggage. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414387**

HELEN 19yr old bubbly female looking for male to take me out and show me a good time. No pressure just fun times, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414223**

JANE mature blonde, enjoys most things in life, adventurous, fun, seeks male, 55 plus, any culture. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414149**

BLUE eyed slim pretty easy going hardworking lady seeking male to put the spark back into my life, must be honest, affectionate, have a GSOH and wont to work at a relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414217**

JANE 29, loves riding and spending time horsing around, seeking non serious kind of normal guy who enjoys going out having a good time. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414205**

KAREN young looking attractive vibrant slim blonde, enjoys to keep fit, beach walks, travel, meals in/out, good conversation with pleasant company, WLTM genuine sincere male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414203**

MARY tall blonde size 12 lady, nice personality, good conversationalist, varied and open to interests, loves weekends away/holidays, seeking similar male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414179**

33YR old 6ft blonde ex model who loves to have a good time and enjoy life to the full, looking to meet fun time guy with no hang ups or issues for uncomplicated romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413863**

LINDA attractive slim nurse looking for loving relationship with non serious male who like me is lonely and just looking for a special person. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413425**

GILL 59, blonde, attractive, likes cinema, walks, meals out, holidays, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413787**

65YR old white guy, seeking black female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413733**

CAROLINE 30's attractive blonde workaholic, seeking handsome guy up for 47yrs to add some fun and sparkle back into my life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413845**

PAT attractive slim curly haired tall professional, not looking for drawn out romance just the fun stuff to fit into my busy lifestyle, non-judgemental people pls call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413405**

JULIE young at heart outgoing loves to dance, long distance running, social drinking, travel, OHAC, WLTM that special person to make my life complete as I have so much to give. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413209**

CINDY 31yr old first time advertiser attractive, girly size 12, looking for my soul male, I enjoy romance, the finer things in life and seek similar. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413577**

SARAH attractive 25yr old single female, slim, feminine with long hair and big eyes, enjoys being fit and healthy, socialising, WLTM male 18-35 for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413423**

CARRIE 29yr old fun single mum who enjoys cosy nights in, music, travel, occasional night out, concert, travel, seeking romantic male 30-45. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413019**

WENDY 5ft 9ins, 59, likes walks, seeking honest, caring male for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413551**

CARLY mid 30's bubbly outgoing genuine female seeking similar sincere down to earth male to enjoy socialising, beach walks, romantic walks and cosy evenings in, 35-50yrs **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 412935**

Men seeking women

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JOHN seeking slim white lady, any age for fun times in the Reading area. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 415935**

KEITH 55, 5 foot 5 slim short silver hair, likes a drink and a laugh, varied interests seeking woman similar age. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4182520**

ASIAN male, 37, normal build, seeking Indian female for uncomplicated friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 411663**

MATTHEW, 43 widower, business manager, solvent, reasonable looks but lonely. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624150**

DAVID mid 50's, seeking mature adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413135**

57YR old white gent, seeks lady for LTR. Age/looks/nationality unimportant, must be genuine and sincere. **0906 500 3674 Box No: 411467**

ATTRACTIVE 35yr old male, seeks lady for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 409769**

WHITE gent 58, fun, good looking, seeks lady friend, any age. London. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 353301**

ALEX genuine Scottish male, 53, GSOH, solvent, no ties, seeks female with GSOH for nights in and out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414441**

54YR old male, likes countryside, animals, meals out, history, DIY, F1, seeking female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 414141**

ROBIN 50, half Swedish, tall, slim, likes meals out, music, seeking tall, unconventional girl, 40-60, happy in heels or wellies. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 412781**

MALE semi-retired, practical, musical, seeks black lady to spoil and pamper. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 412203**

NEGLECTED male seeks female for daytime chats, coffee, lunches and discreet adult passion. Age/status unimportant, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 406805**

ATTRACTIVE ex model, 42 seeing regular daytime fun, age/race/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 379963**

JASON 42, self employed, 6ft 2ins, attractive, toned, firm, athletic, seeks daytime discreet meets with passionate fun female up to 59. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413331**

TALL black male, seeking no strings fun with female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413271**

WHITE male, 50, seeks genuine, loyal, sincere black female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413261**

KEVIN 46, 6ft 6ins, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more, honest, truthful, various interests, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413119**

40YR old average blond hair, blue eyed male, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 412851**

DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 388372**

OLDER woman 65 plus wanted by younger, tall male with OHAC and GSOH, hardworking, self sufficient for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405055**

PETER 66, 5ft 9ins, fair hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes countryside, seaside, animals, nights in, seeks female for LTR. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 410723**

BERNARD 63, brown hair/eyes, seeking lady for soul mate, romance and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 409883**

BLACK male, 6ft 2ins, shaved head, seeking white female, brunette/dark hair. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 409789**

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RELIABLE black male, 50, 5ft 10ins, outgoing, funny, fit, seeks honest female wanting true love and happiness. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 407903**

MID 50's XL retired male, own car, accommodation, honest, caring, loving, romantic, loves animals, music, outdoor life seeks someone to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 406601**

TREVOR 51, likes nights in/out, pubs, clubs, walks, seeking female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 409023**

DAVE 50's, widower, healthy, loving, kind, seeking female, 30 plus for friendship, possibly more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 408601**

BLACK male, seeks white female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405703**

MALE 46, kind, loving, WLTM genuine lady 45-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 404301**

57YR old male, 5ft 8ins, brown eyes, widower, seeking female, 30-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 408041**

STEVEN attractive male, seeking no strings meets in Hemel/Aylesbury areas. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 375197**

PAUL 50 5ft 10ins, GSOH, caring, seeks female 40-50 in MK for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 405141**

WARM genuine, black male, employed, reliable, caring, enjoys socialising, seeks lady for laughter and romantic adventures. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 396193**

MALE 49, tall, slim, likes countryside, animals, walks, music, history, nights in, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 407189**

DEREK 63, easy going, seeking female for share fun and life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 407581**

STEVE part time carer, looking to meet female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 406075**

MALE 45, WLTM natural redhead 40-60 for friendship and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 393773**

GOOD looking male, 39, likes sports, fitness, friendly, fun, seeks female for discreet fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 375060**

MALE 42, seeks black female, slim, 40-45 for LTR. Single mum welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 371854**

1960'S Australian import, good bodywork, strong, well serviced V8 engine, garaged in Wokingham, call for no strings test drive. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 407315**

ATTRACTIVE 35yr old male, seeks lady who dresses to please for nights out and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 361597**

MALE 49, tall, slim, likes countryside, animals, walks, romantic, tactile, own flat, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 407055**

Men seeking men

GUY 61, bi, 5ft 10ins, medium build, seeking similar male for discreet fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 413741**

GAY male, 48, seeking gay/bi guy 40-60, slightly overweight for adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 412973**

RICHARD 48, gay, blond hair, blue eyes, chubby, big hearted, seeks younger, slim, gay white/Asian male for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 341842**

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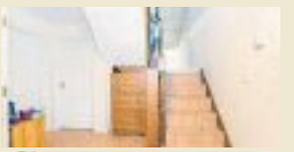

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- Two En-Suites & Balcony
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room & Utility Room

A light and spacious four bedroom detached property situated on an elevated position in the prestigious location of Loughton. The private rear garden is fully enclosed with ample trees, shrubs, lawned and patio areas. Viewing is highly recommended.

£675,000

Great Linford

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Private Gated Driveway
- Double Garage
- Private & Tranquil Rear Garden

A delightful five bedroom detached property situated in the stunning Great Linford Village set in an enclosed plot. This exceptional home offers a private gated driveway and a double garage. Viewing is highly recommended. No onward chain.

£600,000

Bletchley

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom, WC & En-Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden

This stunning, light, airy and spacious chalet bungalow has been extended and refurbished by the current owners to a very high standard. The property is approached via a large gravel driveway providing ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended.

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Bancroft £365,000
- Detached Property
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Garden, Garage & Parking

Great Holm £350,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Gardens & Double Garage

Broughton £335,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms & Two Bathrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

Bradwell OIEO £255,000
- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Garden & Garage
- Cul-de-Sac Location

Two Mile Ash £250,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking

Springfield £250,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Close to Town Centre

Oldbrook £225,000
- Modern Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Gardens & Garage
- No Chain

Great Holm £220,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens

Furzton £199,995
- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Reception Room
- Garden & Off Road Parking

Springfield £189,995
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking
- Viewing is Highly Recommended

Heelands £179,995
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

Heelands £168,995
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Gardens & Off Road Parking

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Westcroft £425,000
- Five Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garage
- Study

Medbourne £140,000
- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Allocated Parking

Westcroft £139,950
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

Milton Keynes £56,000
- First Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Reception Room
- Bathroom

Milton Keynes £375,000
- Well Presented Detached Property
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom

Milton Keynes Guide Price £310,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Spacious Accommodation
- Conservatory & South Facing Garden

Grange Farm £189,500
- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Sought After Location
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Allocated Parking

Crownhill £185,000
- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Reception Room
- Kitchen

Harlow Crescent £100,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Three Storeys
- Cloakroom
- Off Road Parking

Emerson Valley £60,000
- Similar Required
- Shared Ownership Houses
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory

Medbourne £70,000
- Ground Floor Apartment
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- Reception Room
- Bathroom

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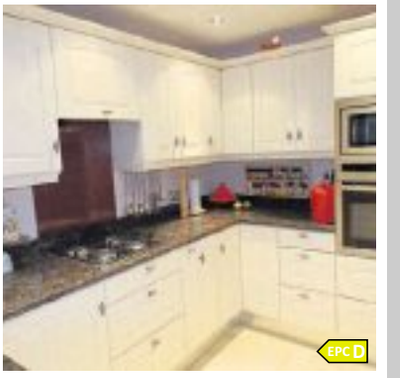
Walton £405,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ample Off Road Parking

Caldecotte £330,000

- Three Bedroom Link Detached Property
- Modern Kitchen with Underfloor Heating
- Conservatory
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Garage & Off Road Parking



Kents Hill £265,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Cul-de-Sac Location

Aspley Guise £209,995

- Two Bedroom End Terraced Property
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Courtyard Garden
- Popular Village Location

Milton Keynes £200,000

- Top Floor Apartment
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Allocated Parking Space

Ampleforth £199,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Garage & Off Road Parking
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Broughton £175,000

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- Double Bedroom

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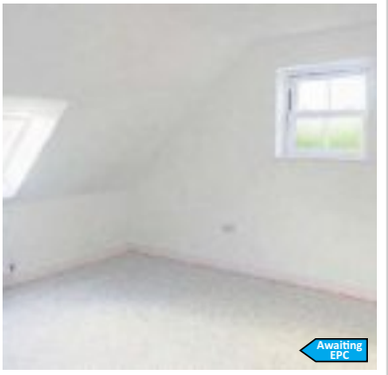

Milton Keynes **£250,000**
- New Three Bedroom Family Property
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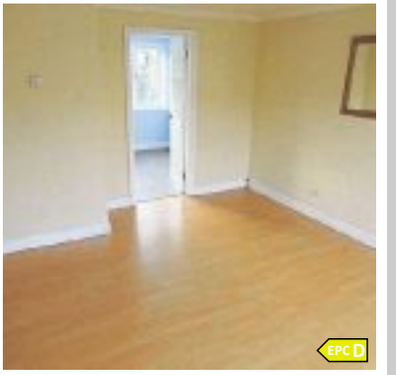
- Lounge/Diner & Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden, Parking & Cycle Storage
- Close to Local Amenities

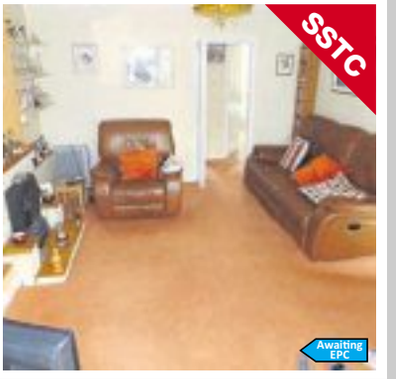


Deanshanger **£225,000**
- Four Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

Stony Stratford **£199,000**
- Upper Floor Apartment
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Potterspury **£195,000**
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Modern Kitchen & Shower Room
- No Chain

Hanslope **£185,000**
- Two Bedroom Property
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking



Potterspury **£170,000**
- Village Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Stony Stratford **£170,000**
- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Parking Space
- Viewing Recommended

Stony Stratford **£125,000**
- Ground Floor Apartment
- One/Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Private Rear Garden
- Tenants in Situ

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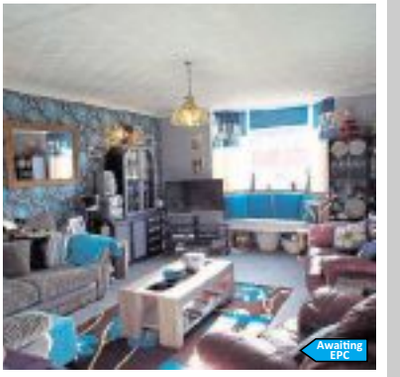
Bletchley **£274,995**

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- En-Suite
- Re-fitted Kitchen



Bletchley **£240,000**

- Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Bletchley **£240,000**

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Double Length Garage
- Re-fitted Kitchen

Bletchley **£225,000**

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Potential to Extend
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens

Bletchley **£192,500**

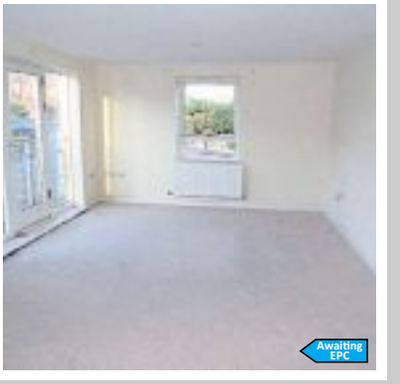
- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Reception Room
- Bathroom
- Garden

Bletchley **£180,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Garden

Bletchley **£175,000**

- Three Bedroom Property
- Shared Parking
- Close To Train Station
- Overlooking The Green
- Double Glazed



Bletchley **£150,000**

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Reception Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

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Newport Pagnell **£225,000**

- Silver Street
- Excellent Condition
- Five Piece Family Bathroom
- Loft Room/Bedroom Three
- Close to Town Centre

Great Linford **£210,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom & Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens

North Crawley **£200,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Village Location
- Tenants in Situ
- No Chain

Newport Pagnell **£199,999**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell **£180,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

Newport Pagnell **£85,000**

- Retirement Apartment
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Over 55's
- One Bedroom
- No Chain

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Neath Hill OIEO £395,000

Spacious four bedroom detached executive home situated on Tower Drive in Neath Hill offering good access to Central Milton Keynes. Viewing is highly recommended.

Milton Keynes £280,000

Well presented three bedroom townhouse located in the heart of central Milton Keynes on the ever popular Eaton Mews Development. Split over three floors. Viewing is highly recommended.

Bolbeck Park £264,995

Wilson Peacock is proud to present for sale this beautiful and welcoming home in the sought after location of Bolbeck Park. Thanks to its untraditional layout, the three bedroom property provides a wealth of downstairs living, dining and family space.

Bradwell £260,000

Five bedroom detached house offering flexible accommodation throughout. The accommodation in brief comprises of two reception rooms, three bathrooms, kitchen, gardens and off road parking.

Conniburrow OIEO £260,000

Situated within the cul-de-sac location of Germander Place is this large four bedroom detached family property. Comprises lounge, dining/sitting room, kitchen, WC, four bedrooms and family bathroom.

Shenley Church End £249,995

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Bradwell £247,000

Sold Similar Required - Call 01908 606951 for a free valuation. Four bedroom detached family home benefiting from two reception rooms, two bathrooms, garage, kitchen, gardens and off road parking.

Bradville £245,000

Well presented extended four bedroom semi detached family home. The accommodation in brief comprises entrance porch, two reception rooms, two bathrooms, garden, kitchen and off road parking.

Shenley Church End £235,000

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Furzton £220,000

Mid terraced property close to the Lakes and situated in the popular location of Furzton. Comprises three double bedrooms, kitchen/diner, driveway and private rear garden.

Beanhill £209,500

Refurbished three bedroom bungalow with a conservatory, gardens and is within close proximity to Milton Keynes General Hospital and Central Milton Keynes.

Potterspury £170,000

Two bedroom semi detached bungalow in the sought after location of Potterspury. The kitchen has been re-fitted with brand new range oven, hob and work surfaces. Comprises lounge, conservatory, bathroom, kitchen, garage and off road parking.

1 Myrtle Bank £165,000

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Heelands £164,995

Three bedroom house in the sought after location of Heelands. The property briefly comprises kitchen/diner, bathroom and lounge. The property is close to local amenities and transport links.

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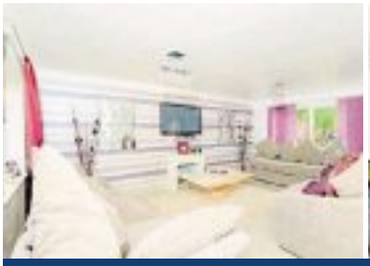

Newport Pagnell **£579,995**

Five bedroom detached family home situated in Tabard Gardens. The property comprises games room, swimming pool, three en-suites, salon, ceramic flooring and much more. Externally there is a spacious rear garden and large driveway.

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Newport Pagnell **£249,995**

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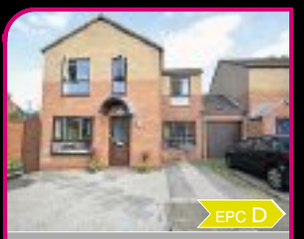
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility
- Two En-Suites
- Five Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Downstairs Cloakroom

Oldbrook £339,995



- Rear & Side Gardens
- Link Detached
- L-Shaped Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front Garden With Driveway

Willen £274,995

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge With Balcony
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Master With En-Suite
- Integral Garage
- Moorings
- No Above Chain

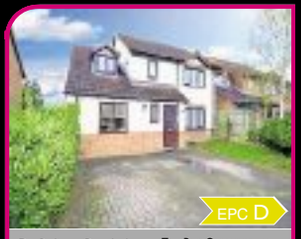
Pennyland £425,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite To Master
- Bathroom
- Garage
- No Above Chain

Emerson Valley £245,000

- Mid Terraced
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking Space
- Excellent Condition Throughout

Oldbrook £174,995



- Five Bedroom Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Converted Garage
- Kitchen & Utility
- Two Part Conservatory
- Lounge/Diner
- En-suite & Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Wavendon Gate £329,995

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Prime Location
- A Must View

Tattenhoe £260,000

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- En-suite To Master
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garage

Stantonbury Fields Offers In Excess £239,995

- Terraced
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Gardens
- Double Glazed
- Well Presented

Greenleys £150,000

- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living
- Balcony
- Underground Parking
- Central Location
- No Upper Chain
- Panaromic Views

The HUB Offers in Excess £210,000

A one bedroom, third floor apartment in Bletchley Town Centre, within walking distance from Bletchley Train Station. The property comprises; entrance hall with storage cupboard, open plan living area, kitchen with appliances, double bedroom with walk-in wardrobe and family bathroom. The property benefits from secure entrance and permit parking. FEES APPLY.

Bletchley pcm £625

A spacious, two bedroom mews home, situated in the popular area of New Bradwell, north of Milton Keynes, within close proximity to Wolverton Train Station. The property comprises; entrance hall and cloakroom. First floor; open plan living area with bay window, kitchen with built-in appliances and double bedroom. Second floor; spacious double bedroom with wardrobes and en-suite. Externally the property benefits from one allocated parking space and outside storage. FEES APPLY

New Bradwell pcm £850

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Olney pcm £795

A well presented four bedroom home, within walking distance of Central Milton Keynes Train Station. The property comprises; entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room and cloakroom. First floor; master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. Externally the property benefits from; front and rear gardens, garage and driveway. FEES APPLY

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Clerk to the Governing Body

£100 per meeting, Average of 10 meetings per year

Our Governing Body is looking to recruit an experienced Clerk to the Governing Body, to start in March 2015.

The successful candidate will provide administrative support including the following:

- preparing agendas and taking accurate minutes at Governing Body meetings
- ensuring that relevant paperwork and information for Governors is circulated in accordance with deadlines
- advising the Governing Body, or having access to information, on governance legislation and procedural matters
- maintaining correct membership records and systems for all Governor Correspondence.

The successful candidate should have access to computer facilities and be computer literate as well as having competent levels of written and spoken English. Due to the nature of the post, the individual will be expected to keep and respect confidentiality. Training, induction and support will be provided.

There will be an average of 10 meetings per year, normally taking place on a Tuesday evening (lasting approximately 2 hours), paid at a rate of £100 per meeting.

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs
Closing date: 1st February 2015
Interview date: w/c 9th February 2015
Vacancy ID: 102372

SURREY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cutenhoe Community Learning Park, Cutenhoe Road, Luton, LU1 3NJ

Year 4 & Reception Class Teachers

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Required for April 2015

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Application forms can be downloaded from www.surreystreetprimary.com and once completed can be emailed to admin@surreystreetprimary.net
Closing date: 25th February 2015 at 09:30 am
Interview date: 3rd March 2015
Vacancy ID: 102386

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PUTTERIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Putteridge Road, Luton, LU2 8HJ

Teacher of Science

MPR/UPR **Vacancy ID: 102424**

Full time with potential to be part time to start as soon as possible

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For further details and an application form please contact Mrs A Pitchford, at the school on: 01582 415791 or email: apitchford@putteridge.org

Closing date: Monday 9 February 2015

Interview date: Week beginning 23 February 2015

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Senior Building Control Surveyor

£32,778 - £35,662 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 102360**
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As part of the Building Control team, you'll provide a complete customer-focused Building Control service to ensure high standards safety in the construction of buildings across the Borough through compliance with building regulations and undertaking enforcement duties. You'll ensure the efficient administration of the building control services and where possible, maximise income generation.

We are looking for an individual with experience of Building Control work as a Surveyor or an equivalent position & has knowledge of the principles, practices and regulations governing Building Control and building construction in a commercial environment. You'll be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors or have an equivalent qualification, plus you will be able to show evidence of continuing professional development.

Ability to travel to different sites around the Borough as well as the ability to climb ladders access/traverse limited spaces/ sites for visual inspections on a frequent basis is essential.

Closing date: 15th February 2015

Assistant Building Control Surveyor

£19,048 – £20,849 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 102361**
plus £963 Essential Car User Allowance
Permanent, full time, 37 hours per week

As part of the Building Control team, you'll support the provision of a Building Control service that ensures high standards of safety in the construction of buildings across the Borough through compliance with building regulations. Also, you will carry out site inspections and plan appraisal duties and work effectively as part of the team.

We are looking for an individual who has experience in a building construction related environment. You'll have knowledge of building construction techniques as well as knowledge of building regulations.

Furthermore, you'll have obtained either a Higher National Certificate (HNC), Higher National Diploma (HND, Degree or equivalent qualification in building, building surveying or equivalent relevant qualification or equivalent relevant experience.

Closing date: 15th February 2015

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To apply, please send your CV and covering letter to: Sam Wheeler, Unit manager, Earls Barton quarry, Grendon Road, Earls Barton, Northampton NN6 0PE, or e-mail: sam.wheeler@hanson.biz

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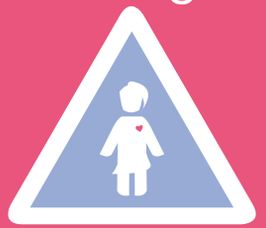

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Enforcement Officer

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For informal enquiries please contact Pete Roberts on 01908 254569.

Interview date: 2nd March 2015

Family Support Worker

£20,253 - £22,212 pro rata **Ref: 50017347**
18.5 hours per week

Working across the busy Children's Centres in our new cluster, you will lead activities for young children, empower parents to improve their parenting and signpost families to specialist services. Ideally qualified to at least Level 3 in childcare, you will have experience of working with families in a community setting.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.
For informal enquiries please contact Tina Price on 01908 239000.

Mobile Caretaker

£18,376 - £19,742 **Ref: 50012916**

This is your chance to provide a proactive mobile caretaking service to a designated patch of estates or properties as part of Tenancy Services. Your role will vary from ensuring blocks are clean and well maintained to undertaking minor repairs. Skilled in communicating with clients and stakeholders, you will have good general knowledge of housing.

For informal enquiries please contact James Hill on 01908 252937.

Planning Officer (Development Management)

£22,937 - £27,123 **Ref: 59001692**

This is an excellent opportunity for a customer-focused team player with a planning or related qualification to develop their career. As part of our busy Development Management team, you will gain experience of dealing with planning and related applications, responding to pre-application enquiries and supporting officers with complex cases.

For informal enquiries please contact Andrew Horner on 01908 252609.

Social Worker

£27,924 - £36,571 **Ref: 50010832**

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£22,937 - £27,123 Fixed term for 2 years **Ref: 59001791**

Working as part of a team of housing professionals, you will co-ordinate assistance for vulnerable tenants with complex needs while undertaking prompt investigation of cases of potential social housing fraud. Ideally Chartered Institute of Housing qualified, you will have experience of undertaking fraud investigations and knowledge of relevant legislation.

Closing date: 15th February 2015
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- An excellent classroom practitioner
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You will have a sound knowledge and background in English and Drama and creative ways to deliver the new curriculum. Applications from experienced Primary or Secondary colleagues would be welcome who are seeking to extend their competencies by working in a Special School. Experience of teaching French would be useful but not essential. This is a full time permanent post. The closing date for applications is 05.02.15. Interviews will be held on 12.02.15.

Application packs for this exciting post can be obtained from our website at www.grange.beds.sch.uk - Contact Us, by emailing info@grangeacademy.org.uk or leaving your name and address on 01234 407100, sorry CVs cannot be accepted. Grange Academy practices Safer Recruitment therefore this post is subject to enhanced DBS Clearance and references. Visits to the school are welcomed.

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Human Resources Administration Assistant

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The Hazeley Academy is a high performing yet supportive Academy on the western flank of Milton Keynes with 1450 students including the sixth form. Judged by Ofsted in 2009 as a good school with outstanding features with an outstanding subject inspection in 2011, we also have a track record which positions us as one of the highest achieving schools in the city.

A vacancy has arisen for a new Human Resources Administration Assistant. We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and efficient team member who is customer focused, relishes the unexpected, has a flexible approach and is willing to learn new skills. The HR Administration Assistant will support our HR Manager with the efficient running of our HR and Recruitment services. Flexibility is essential as the ability to work extra hours at peak recruitment times may be required. They will need to be confident in the use of IT programmes including Word, Excel and Outlook, be able to use their own initiative and work with minimal supervision.

Please do find out more about the Academy at our website – www.thehazeleyacademy.com.

Please provide a covering letter stating why you wish to work at The Hazeley and what qualities you can bring to the Academy.

An application pack is available from our website www.thehazeleyacademy.com or alternatively you can contact Mrs Roshni Gandhi-Patel, HR Administration Assistant, at the address below. The closing date for applications to be received in school is 12.00 p.m. on Friday 13th February.

The Hazeley Academy is an equal opportunities employer. The Hazeley Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants.

Recruitment, The Hazeley Academy, Emperor Drive, Milton Keynes, MK8 0PT

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Addington Way, Luton, LU4 9FJ

Challney High School for Girls is a successful and inclusive school with outstanding facilities, friendly staff and a highly supportive environment.

For our teaching vacancies the ability to teach across KS3 and KS4 is essential. Applications from experienced and Newly Qualified teachers are warmly welcomed. Mentoring support will be provided. All of our departments provide high quality learning for students and support for staff.

We wish to appoint enthusiastic, forward thinking teachers who will be able to encourage and inspire our pupils.

We are currently recruiting for the following roles below:

Health & Social Care Teacher

MPR/UPR **Vacancy ID: 102416**

Part time 0.6 with the possibility of a full time position from September 2015

Health and Social Care is currently line managed by the Science Department

To make this a full time position from September 2015 the successful candidate would be required to teach any aspect of Design Technology/Child Development at KS3/KS4.

Mathematics Teacher

MPR/UPR **Vacancy ID: 102417**

Full time

Science Teacher

MPR/UPR **Vacancy ID: 102418**

Full time

Teacher of Geography with R.E

MPR/UPR **Vacancy ID: 102419**

Full time

Closing date: Wednesday 4th February 2015 9:00 am

Interview date: Week commencing Monday 9th February 2015

Technician

£7,051 - £7,528 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 102420**

20 hours per week, Term-time only +5 days

We are looking for a Technician to support the work of the Music, Expressive Arts and Business Studies Departments.

We value the technical support offered in school and candidates should be well organised, flexible, reliable and have good interpersonal and ICT skills.

Closing date: Friday 2 February 2015 9:00am

Interview date: Week commencing Monday 9 February 2015

If you would like to arrange a visit to the school please ring to make an appointment. Application forms and further details can be downloaded from our website www.challneygirls.luton.sch.uk. Electronic applications should be returned to ssmith@challneygirls.luton.sch.uk or you can post your application form and letter to Mrs S Smith at the above address. CVs are not acceptable.

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Tomlinson Avenue, Luton, LU4 0QP

High Quality Early Years Support Staff needed at Chantry Primary Academy

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Wraparound Care Assistant

£12,340 - £13,475 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 102423**

35 hours per week, term-time only

To support the children attending our Nursery provision we require a Wraparound Care Assistant. You will provide high quality education and care to the young children who attend our wraparound care provision.

You will need to be:

- passionate about getting the best out of children
- patient and creative in your approach
- able to work well as part of a team as well as being able to work on your own initiative
- qualified to NVQ3

Come and be a part of the Chantry Team!

For further details and an application form please contact Mrs Fiona Constant at the school address, telephone 01582 706500 x245 or email fconstant@chantryprimaryacademy.com

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Interview date: Week commencing 9 February 2015

WOODLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Northwell Drive, Luton, LU3 3SP

Class Teacher

MPR/UPR plus SEN 1 £2,042 **Vacancy ID: 102407**

MPR/UPR plus SEN 1 £2,042 & TLR

Woodlands is a large, well-resourced and innovative secondary special school committed to the provision of high quality education for young people aged between 11- 19 with severe, profound and complex learning needs.

The school is currently undergoing an extensive building programme due to an expanding roll and we are seeking to appoint three new class teachers for September 2015.

We are looking for people who:

- are outstanding practitioners with a commitment to raising standards
- have desire to learn and take on new challenges
- have good organisational and communication skills
- work well as part of a team
- have enthusiasm, energy and creativity
- have experience of working with young people with special needs (desirable but not essential).

Woodlands can offer:

- a hardworking, friendly and supportive staff team
- a comprehensive induction programme and CPD programme
- a strong and committed governing body
- opportunities for development as a leader.

As an expanding school there is an opportunity for a additional TLR for a Class Teacher with suitable and relevant experience of working with PMLD students or considerable experience of developing ICT with young people with SEN."

For further details and an application form please contact Vince Chappell at the school address, telephone 01582 572880 or email woodlands.sec.admin@lbc.luton.sch.uk

Closing date: Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 12:00pm

Interview date: Monday 16 March 2015

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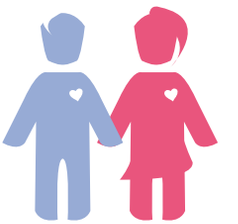
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LEVEL 1 TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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£15,654.94 per annum (37 hours per week, 39 weeks per annum)

We require a Level 3 Teaching Assistant to join our Personalised Learning Centre, which is an environment designed to reduce the numbers of students receiving a formal Fixed Term Exclusion. Responsibilities will include implementing agreed work programmes with individuals and small groups of students in addition to preparing and managing resources. Two years' previous experience of working with young people is essential.

Please go to **www.radcliffeschool.org.uk** to download information about these positions and an application form. The deadline for applications is Thursday 12 February 2015.

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Educational Vacancies

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Design and Technology Technician

Salary: St Paul's Pay Range 2 Point 9-15 (£17,278-£21,003) (Pro- rata £7,614 - £9,256)
20 hours per week; 38 weeks per year (Term time only)

Working in the Design and Technology Department, duties would include maintenance, preparation of classroom materials, oversight of stock control and ordering within Food and Textiles Technology. The ability to support pupils in practical lessons is essential and you need to be patient with a sense of humour.

St Paul's is a thriving and successful Catholic school with an excellent reputation. We are committed to the care of all pupils and to challenge and support them to do the best that is possible. The hard work of the highly motivated, professional and friendly staff continues to lead to higher levels of pupil learning and examination success. Some of the staff are Catholics, some are practising Christians but all are supportive of the way in which we work. If you are committed to the care and success of pupils and working in a setting where the values of forgiveness, concern for others and respect for each person are important, then you share the core values of the staff at St. Paul's.

For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's Catholic School on 01908 669735, or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: Monday 9 February 2015 at 12.00 noon.

St Paul's Catholic School is committed to the safeguarding of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure.

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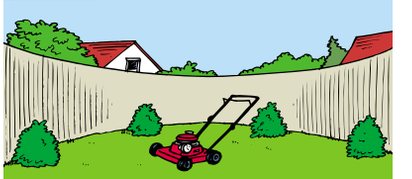

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(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES)
(VARIOUS ROADS, KNOWHILL)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014) VARIATION ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed Order will affect all classes of vehicles and have the following effect in Knowlhill, Milton Keynes:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along lengths of Davy Avenue, Kelvin Drive, Harrison Close, Roebuck Way and Seebeck Place;

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

A copy of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Orders, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 18th February 2015 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-111

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BOW BRICKHILL LEVEL CROSSING AND PARTS OF BRICKHILL STREET) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 23rd January 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, because works are to be carried out, namely the annual inspection and maintenance of Bow Brickhill level crossing. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along Brickhill Street, Bow Brickhill for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Bow Brickhill level crossing, together with the level crossing itself. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 23:00 pm on Saturday 07th February 2015 until 12:00 pm on Sunday 08th February 2015.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via Brickhill Street, A146 Bletcham Way (H10), A5, Brickhill Street and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles being driven on operational duties and any vehicle connected to the associated works.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 7th February 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The length of road to be closed and the alternative routes can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

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NOTICE OF AUDIT OPINION
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2012, REG 12

THE AUDIT OPINION ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2014 WAS ISSUED BY ERNST & YOUNG LLP ON TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. **The audit of accounts for Milton Keynes Council for the year ended 31st March 2014 has been concluded;**
2. **The Statement of Accounts are available for inspection by any local government elector for Milton Keynes Council at the Business and Corporate Development Team, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard in Central Milton Keynes from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.**
3. **An elector may make copies of the whole or part of the Statement, or, alternatively, may purchase a copy of the Statement for £10 by contacting the Business and Corporate Development Team (01908 252698).**
4. **The Statement of Accounts is also available to be viewed on the Internet, at http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/council-information-and-accounts/data-performance-and-spending/statement-of-accounts-and-annual-audit-and-inspection-letter**

These rights are conferred on local government electors by section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1998.

Tim Hannam
Corporate Director - Resources
Milton Keynes Council
Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

An appeal has been lodged by Ideal Care Homes Ltd against refusal of planning application 14/00658/FUL for Construction of 66 bed care home for older people with associated car parking and landscaping at Land at Barnsdale Drive, Westcroft, Milton Keynes.

It has been decided that this appeal will be dealt with on the basis of a hearing, which you may attend, and at the inspector's discretion, give your views. The hearing will be held **at Chaucer Room, Civic Offices, Milton Keynes Council, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ commencing at 10.00am on Wednesday 11th February 2015.**

For further details please contact Planning Enquiries, Development Control, Milton Keynes Council, Tel: 01908 252358.

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/00003/FUL	Single storey side and single storey rear extension, enlargement of balcony, replacement existing pitched roof with flat balcony roof, insertion of rear dormer window, enlargement of existing rear dormer window, insertion of three roof lights to rear elevation and alterations to windows and doors to side and rear elevations at 2 Pinkard Court, Woughton On The Green.
15/00019/FUL	Ground floor infill extension at 1 Pinkard Court, Woughton On The Green.
15/00036/FUL	Internal alterations to shop unit, new shop front, partial demolition of outbuildings to accommodate rear extension to shop facilities (re-submission 14/01620/FUL) at 47 High Street, Woburn Sands.
15/00055/FUL	Erection of a single-storey rear extension to provide an additional 10 bedrooms, reconfigured dining area and new indoor garden and sensory room at Broomfield Nursing Home, Yardley Road, Olney.
15/00071/TCA	Notification of intention for the removal of existing overgrown Yew hedge and replacement with new Yew hedge plants at All Saints Church, Church Lane, Emberton.
15/00089/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce by one third the crown of 1 x Hazel tree and 1 x Magnolia tree at 34 Station Road, Woburn Sands.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/02871/FUL	New brick gate piers and steel gates on the boundary between Bletchley Park and the adjacent housing to the South East of the park, to match the south gates and those at Sherwood Drive, Bletchley Park, Bletchley.
15/00060/FUL	Erection of pool-house at Calverton Manor, Lower Weald To Calverton Road, Calverton.
15/00061/LBC	Listed building consent for erection of pool-house at Calverton Manor, Lower Weald To Calverton Road, Calverton.
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
15/00084/FUL	Re-roofing and extension of garage at Haversham Grange, 30 High Street, Haversham.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

14/02856/MKCOD3	Construction of a new Nursery block and replacement car park at Moorland Infant School, Maslin Drive, Beanhill.
14/02883/REM	Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission 13/00652/OUT for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 50 dwellings at Land at Brooklands, north of Broughton Brook, to the west of the M1 Motorway and A509, Eastern Expansion Area.
15/00068/FUL	Variation of conditions 8 and 10 attached to planning permission 04/01072/MKPCO: Condition 8 - except in respect of plots 250 and 340 the development hereby approved shall deliver commercial units each with a minimum of 9300sqm gross internal floor-space (with the exception of an ancillary estate office) with ancillary uses on plots of a least 2 hectares. Condition 10 - delete 315,000sqm and replace with 330,285 sqm at Land at Fen Farm, Newport Road, Wavendon.
15/00069/FUL	Variation of condition 9 attached to planning permission 06/00333/MKPCO to read ... 'except in respect of plots 330 and 340 the development hereby approved shall in conjunction with the development under outline planning approval 04/01072/MKPCO deliver commercial units with a minimum of 9300sqm gross internal floor-space together with ancillary uses on plots of a least 2 hectares unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority' at Land at Fen Farm, north of the A421 and east of the A5130.
15/00070/FUL	Variation of condition 6 attached to 06/00297/MKPC to replace 10,500 sqm with 13,367sqm at Land At Fen Farm, north of the A421 and east of the A5130.

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Inside the New Vauxhall Corsa

Test Drive

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The fourth-generation Vauxhall Corsa delivers similar dimensions to the old car - but that's as far as the similarities go. With a fresh chassis and suspension and a three-cylinder petrol engine that takes star billing, it also gets a classier interior. Keep your eye on this one. It could give the Ford Fiesta a real tough time.

The Corsa has always been a pretty entertaining steer and Vauxhall is looking to continue that trend. Underpinning this latest fourth-generation car is a completely redesigned chassis with precisely zero carry-over components from the last model. It sports a 5mm lower centre of gravity, a stiffer front sub-frame and a sharper suspension geometry. The electrically-assisted power steering gets a City mode for you to twirl around effortlessly when parking, but receives a UK-specific tune to cater for our roads. Internal friction has been minimised, as has understeer. Both Comfort and Sport suspension set ups have improved dampers that aid ride quality.

The star of the Corsa's engine range is the 1.0-litre, 3-cylinder turbo petrol unit. Recognising that diesel engines don't always make the big sales numbers in the supermini sector, Vauxhall has instead devoted its attention to super-efficient petrol units.

The 1.0-litre is the only production three-cylinder engine on the market with a balancer shaft, helping it combat noise, vibration and harshness. This Euro6-compliant engine is offered on either 90 or 115PS power outputs and both manage 170Nm of torque at just 1,800rpm. An improved version of Vauxhall's 1.4 turbo engine is also featured and there are two budget naturally-aspirated petrol engines - a 1.2 and a 1.4-litre. Big improvements to the 1.3 CDTi diesel have elevated it to Euro 6 emissions standards. Transmissions? Vauxhall has announced two six-speed gearboxes, a manual and an automatic, delivering greater efficiency and a slicker shift action.

Straight away, you'll spot similarities to the front end of the ADAM model and that's no coincidence, this looking set to become the Vauxhall family face for the foreseeable future. That means a rounded, friendly look with a broader front grille than Corsas of old. The overall proportioning isn't that much of a departure, this car retaining the somewhat tall and narrow shape of the third generation model. It's almost identical in length to that car too but all of this improved model's body panels are new and provide greater definition between the 'sporty' look of the three-door and the 'premium' five-door models. Some of the detailing is quite assured, including the sculptural 'blade' running across the lower door-sections.

It's said that while the key to happiness is hard to define, the root of unhappiness is easy. It's trying to please all of the people, all of the time. Yet that's exactly what the modern supermini needs to do. It's a virtually impossible task and it's a tribute to the talent of the best of the current crop that they manage to do so much so well. The Corsa has long been a stalwart in this sector, but time and technology had overtaken the MK3 version. This fourth-generation car looks to have the talent to dive right back into the fray.

At first, it looks like a mere restyle, but it's much more than that. Here's a car that's been designed from a clean sheet of paper, with an enormous development budget behind it. Available in both petrol and diesel guises, manual or auto, with three doors or five, the Corsa is off to a promising start.

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'Seeing two points of the game was useful'

MK Dons assistant coach RICHIE BARKER writes exclusively for MK NEWS

KARL is obviously serving his touchline ban and it helps having been a manager for three years to do the job down there.

We were in constant contact, we had the radios on and we spoke less than we would have done if he was down at the touchline.

Obviously the radio isn't the clearest in the world, so if you're just spending your time speaking, you're going to lose a lot of things in translation, whereas you can just talk when you're next to each other.

To be fair, he's seeing a different picture and he may be seeing something I don't, or I might be seeing something he doesn't.

I actually missed Dele's goal by trying to listen and write something down at the same time, so it made it a little bit tougher, but seeing two different points of the game was actually quite useful – he could probably see what was going on at the other side of the pitch a lot better than I could.

With 21 games left to have 15 clean sheets when we had 12 in the whole of last season is great and that is something we talked about at the beginning of the year.

I quite enjoy the defensive work and their attitude and pride in keeping a clean sheet shows that they're as pleased as everyone else.

Throughout my time as a manager I often worked on my own, so defending was something I had to study more than attacking because that came to me naturally, being a striker for 16 years.

There was quite a good debate on the radio with a group of fans saying the FA Cup means nothing any more after the shocks, but only three teams can win anything this year.

It amazes me how teams who can't win the Premier League don't have a real good go at winning the FA Cup.

I thought the team Chelsea put out was a team that should have won the game.

Cole at his happiest as a front man

Strike lucky: Devante Cole is looking to expand his goals tally with MK Dons

NEW signing Devante Cole revealed that the striker role is his preference after he came on to make his debut in the 2-0 victory over Barnsley at stadiummk on Saturday.

Cole, who can play on the left wing as well as up front, looked sharp for Dons and he said he would love to add to, if not expand, on the seven goals he has scored already this season when playing for Barnsley.

"As long as I'm on the pitch playing, that's all I really want to do," said the 19-year-old, who is the son of former Manchester United striker Andy Cole.

"If I can get seven more for MK I'd love it but I jut want to get as many as I can."

It was a strange game for Cole to have his debut, in that he was immediately playing against a team who he has been out on loan to this season and he felt that Barnsley proved a tough nut to crack in the first-half.

"I know all of them now because I'd been there for three months but it's always nice to get the win.

"Barnsley made it really hard for us in the first-half and we came out in the second-half and were a lot better.

"In the first-half I think we were getting to grips with it but once we got on top we dominated.

"It's always nice to come on when you're ahead because it makes it easier for you when you're coming on. I'm just happy we've got the win.

"Everyone's full of confidence and it's a nice dressing room to be in."

His parent club Manchester City did not have the best day, losing to Championship Middlesbrough.

He said about that: "It's a surprising result but those things do happen."

Cole has joined the Dons on a season-long loan, having scored seven goals in 17 outings for the South Yorkshire side earlier this season.

"Everyone's full of confidence and it's a nice dressing room to be in

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DARTS

Top players arrowing in for Masters

WORLD number one Michael van Gerwen, legend Phil 'The Power' Taylor and world champion Gary Anderson will be in action in Milton Keynes for the Unibet Masters this weekend, and it promises to be a thrilling competition.

All of the stellar action will be screened on ITV4 with the play beginning this Saturday, with Adrian Lewis and Raymond van Barneveld in action during the afternoon session, which begins at 12.45pm.

The first round will see a rematch of last year's final between James Wade and Mervyn King, which will be the first match of the evening session.

Other matches on Saturday evening, which begins at 7pm, include Phil Taylor v Terry Jenkins, Gary Anderson v Andy Hamilton and Michael van Gerwen v Wes Newton.

The quarter-finals will take place in the afternoon session on Sunday and then in the evening it's the semi-finals and final.

Van Gerwen is the top seed for the Masters, with Taylor number two and Anderson number three.

There's £160,000 up for grabs in prize money, so there's plenty to play for.

PDC chairman Barry Hearn told the sport's website: "Last year's final between James Wade and Mervyn King was one of the most thrilling deciders we've ever had and it's ironic that, due to their rankings, they'll meet again in the first round.

"That's just one of a host of tasty ties which will be played over the weekend in Milton Keynes."

Tickets for the afternoon session cost £20, plus a booking fee, with the evening sessions costing £25, plus booking fee.

Darts master: Phil Taylor

BADMINTON

Lions tamed as MK leap up table

Great performance: Jess Pugh helped MK Badminton to victory at Stantonbury Campus on Monday

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK BADMINTON picked up a sensational 3-2 victory over second-placed Birmingham Lions to solidify their playoff spot in the National Badminton League.

The team has moved two points ahead of Team Derby and Loughborough Sport going into the final two games of the season against the two sides and captain Peter Mills couldn't be happier with how the team is placed.

Toby Penty and Jess Pugh continued their unbeaten start to their NBL careers in the mixed doubles at Stantonbury Campus, with a convincing win over Nico Ruponen and Alyssa Lim.

The biggest surprise of the night was Jess Fletcher and Sophie Sankey running out easy winners in their women's doubles, before Sam Parsons, the 2014 national runner-up, just held off Ben Beckman to make sure MK won the tie.

A big plus is that MK are now within one point of Birmingham and third-placed University of Nottingham.

"It was almost surreal when we went 3-0 up and it wasn't really what we were expecting," said Mills. "The performances were just brilliant, especially the women's doubles and they never looked like they were going to lose it."

Parsons said: "I feel great. There was quite a lot of pressure on me there.

"I did well to handle the pressure, especially at 1-0 down in the fifth. I was expecting to win but Ben's a good player, he's got some really great shots and is very experienced."

Liz Cann lost 3-1 to Fontaine Chapman and Mills and Paul van Rietvelde lost to Andy Ellis and Chris Coles.

SPORTSSHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town have reached the semi-finals of the Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy, thanks to a 4-0 win over Binfield, with goals from Ben Shepherd, a Dom Lawless brace and Josh Crawley last Tuesday night.

In the United Counties League Division One, a Jamie Burrows double and goals from Sam O'Neill and Daniel Webb gave Olney Town a 4-2 win at Woodford United.

New Bradwell St Peter were beaten 3-0 in the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup, while in the Spartan South Midlands League Division One, Stony Stratford Town beat Amersham Town 3-2.

In Division Two, Wolverton Town drew 4-4 with Grendon Rangers, Old Bradwell United won 4-1 at home to Aston Clinton and Willen were beaten 3-1 by Totternhoe.

ATHLETICS

STEVE Tuttle finished 22nd in the South of England Cross-country Championships for Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club.

There were 25 athletes in action, with Lara Bromilow 20th.

For the U17 men, Archie Rippin ran probably his best cross-country race to date, finishing 20th and he moved up to the third best overall for this age group.

The U15 girls saw Libby Herdman-Smith finishing 193rd, Sophie Botham placed 90th for the U17 women and the sole U13 girl was Barbara De Koning, who was 84th.

The Buckinghamshire Sportshall Championships were held at Aylesbury, where a large contingent from MMKAC were rewarded with first places, with no less than 13 winners from the club.

HOCKEY

ALI McColl and Giacomo Palmiero scored the goals for Milton Keynes mens as they lost 3-2 at home to Lewes in the South Hockey League Premier Division One.

The ladies beat Hampstead and Westminster seconds 6-5 as they moved up to eighth in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A.

RUGBY UNION

THE North Bucks Silver Foxes have progressed to the Northamptonshire Vets Shield semi-final after dispensing with Market Deeping 50-0 at the weekend. The semi-final will be played on February 14.

There were some real power-houses up front, including Darren Brodderick, Mark Haddaway, Travis Ward, Bob Whitehead and Pepa Maty.

Chris Monaghan scored a hat-trick, one of which was from his own 22, as the Foxes eased to success.

There were no fixtures for the senior men's teams on Saturday.

This weekend sees Bletchley entertain Leighton Buzzard in South West 1 East. In Southern Counties North, Milton Keynes are at home to Royal Wootton Bassett and in Midlands 2 East (South), Olney will travel to Oakham.

Bletchley Ladies beat Tonbridge Juddian Ladies 14-12 in the Women's Junior Cup third round. Rachael Taylor and Lauren Delany scored converted tries to book a quarter-final place.

ICE HOCKEY

Crunch time on ice

MK LIGHTNING have a huge weekend coming up as they look to avoid finishing in the dreaded eighth position in the table.

The team that finishes eighth would have to play Telford Tigers in the end-of-season playoffs – a side that have been by far the best team in the league this season.

Lightning entertain sixth-placed Manchester Phoenix on Saturday, with face off at 7pm at the MK Arena, before a trip to seventh-placed Sheffield Steeldogs on Sunday.

It's vital that Lightning get something out of the weekend so that they don't lose ground on the teams above them.

"One goal we have is to push up the league, because it's a massive ask to get to the next round of the playoffs if you're against Telford," said head coach Nick Poole. "It's a tight league as most teams can beat each other, but Telford are quite considerably the strongest team.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to work out that it's a huge weekend for us.

"it's really crucial that we bring our best game."

The omens of Lightning elevating themselves are not good.

For the past six seasons the team in eighth spot at the end of January has never finished higher than that, come the campaign's conclusion. Indeed on three occasions the ninth placed side has overtaken them by the end of the season.

Whatever the eventual outcome, Lightning remain on course for their worst ever league finish with double defeats at the hands of Basingstoke Bison and Swindon Wildcats at the weekend.

Fired up: Goalmouth action from the recent clash with Swindon Wildcats

On Saturday they were just edged out 5-4 by Bison, while on Sunday they lost 6-3.

Poole said: "I was really pleased with the workrate but our mistakes cost us."

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No pressure for Ricciardo as Red Bull takes to the slopes

BY SCOTT KIRK
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RED Bull Racing driver Daniel Ricciardo says he is under no more pressure this season than he was in 2014, despite now being what many consider to be the number one driver at the team.

Ricciardo usurped former teammate Sebastian Vettel, who is now at Ferrari, at times last season as he picked up three Grand Prix wins in his maiden Red Bull season.

And Ricciardo thinks that his new teammate, Daniil Kvyat, will offer something different for Red Bull this season.

"The results were really good for me last year, but disregarding results I was really happy with the driving, the team and life in general," said Australian Ricciardo.

"The aim is to keep learning from the stuff I know already.

"I've learned from Seb's experience and Daniil will bring a new, young dimension to the team.

"I don't plan on doing too much differently.

"Now people are aware of what I can do, so I guess if I do really well in Melbourne people won't be as surprised – but it doesn't change my approach to driving.

"I'm still very humble and nothing has been achieved in 2015 yet, because it's like starting from scratch."

The first pre-season test takes place in Jerez, Spain, from Sunday until next Wednesday, and boss, Christian Horner, is happy with the position the team are in, especially in the context of the troubles they had during testing last year.

"Hopefully this test can't be any worse than last year," said Horner.

"I think we managed about four laps over four days and the car either stopped on track or set on fire, so hopefully we've made progress on that.

"It's been a far more positive winter compared to last year and we know where the benchmark is and what we need to achieve.

"I think it's the most impressive winter we've had as a team.

"It is probably the shortest production and assembly time of the cars we've had in our previous 10 seasons, so it's unbelievable what the factory have turned around so far."

Ricciardo, Kvyat, Horner and former Red Bull driver David Coulthard were at Xscape yesterday talking to the media and taking on the slope at Snozone.

Kvyat and Horner took to the skis for a quick run down, but Ricciardo rode a sled down as he can't ski.

He said that summer and driving were more of his forte than skiing in winter.

"I would say I'm a better race car driver than I am on the snow.

"Besides being cold, it was fun but I prefer summer!"

Fun day out: The Red Bull team were at Snozone, Xscape, yesterday ahead of the first pre-season test in Jerez, Spain, this weekend

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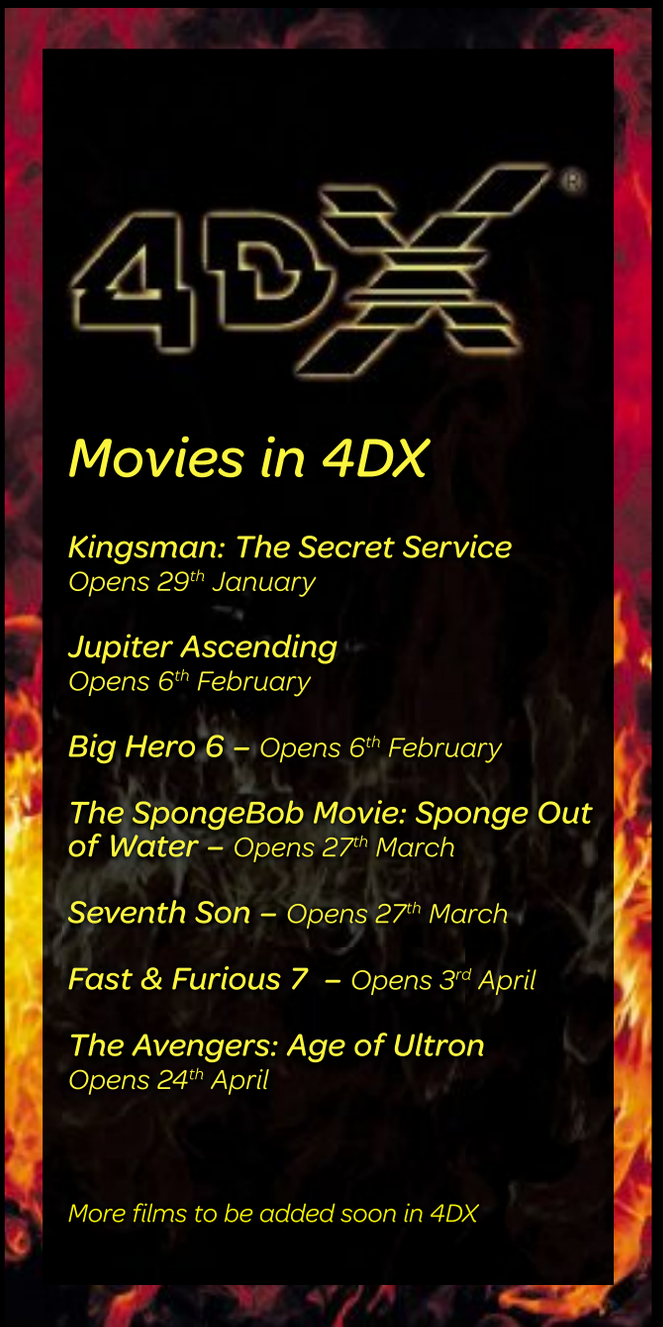

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